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AND JURISDICTION THEREUNTO BELONGING;
FROM ITS FORMATION, FEBRUARY, 1821, TO THE CLOSE OF THE
ANNUAL SESSION, 1843;
TOGETHER WITH
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NOTES
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OFFICE COR. AND REC. SECRETARY, R. W. GRAND LODGE, U. S.
BALTIMORE, *October 2d, 1843.*

This is to certify, that the undersigned, pursuant to a resolution passed at the September Session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, 1843, (printed Journal, page 85,) authorizing the same, has appointed P. G. M. CHARLES MCGOWAN, and G. Sec'y JOHN G. TREADWELL, of the Grand Lodge of New York, to publish a correct Journal of the Proceedings of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, from its formation, to the end of the late Session of that body.

JAMES L. RIDGELY,
Cor. and Rec. Secretary.



TO THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS,

ONE AND UNIVERSAL:

THIS VOLUME IS RESPECTFULLY INSCRIBED,

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ADVERTISEMENT.

The earlier published proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States were printed on a single sheet, in the handbill form; and a bare sufficiency was worked off to supply the then very limited number of lodges in connection. After the pamphlet form had been adopted, a reprint of the former was ordered, in quantity supposed to be ample at the time, but which proved to be wholly inadequate to meet the increased requirements of the Order.

These publications extended no further back than from 1827; and with the exception of the period of the reprint, were sent forth in separate pamphlets for every session or year: and until recently, were without continuity in the paging, thus constituting each issue a distinct volume. The impropriety of continuing such a course was discovered during 1836, since which time a different one has been pursued. Among the greatest of the objections attendant on the detached form as a book of reference, was the difficulty of applying to use the index to the contents: rendering in some degree valueless, the labor of its compilation.

The journal of the bodies exercising the functions of "Grand Lodge of the United States," from the organization in 1821 up to 1827, embracing a period of vast importance to all who take interest in the authentic progress of the Order, remained still unpublished. A general anxiety had long manifested itself to obtain access to these records, which together with the deficiency existing in the supply of the previous editions, prompted the adoption of the following resolutions at the session of 1842, viz:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of the United States approve of the re-printing of the Journal from the commencement, in case any responsible member of the Order should be disposed to do it on his account, in which event the Grand Lodge will appropriate for 100 copies.


Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby appointed to revise and cause to be published a correct journal of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge from the formation, provided that the same be no expense to this body."

Under the sanction and authority of the above, this volume has been prepared with the utmost circumspection. The errors incident to hasty publication in the portion previously printed, have been carefully corrected, and numerous omissions supplied.

The Act of Incorporation from the Legislature of Maryland, and the several amended By Laws as amended to the close of the session of 1843, are given entire. And an index to the whole body of the work, is appended.

Copious notes have been introduced, as well for the purpose of explaining obscure passages, as for noting important events. Among the latter is the correct date of the institution of each successive Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment, with the list of the first installed Grand Officers. The several constitutions of 1821, 1825, 1829 and 1833, are also inserted in this form, at the periods of their adoption. Special attention has been paid in these notes to the efforts of those who contributed to the early planting of Odd Fellowship in the United States. The most authentic form of information alone having been deemed proper to be relied on, every other species has been avoided: and in no instance has an historical fact been alluded to, unless its authenticity had been sustained by more than a single witness, except events of record. As for example—in coursing the progress of “Shakspeare Grand Lodge, No. 1,” trace is acknowledged to be lost from 1811 to 1818, although in possession of a newspaper published in the city of New York, on September 20th, 1813, entitled “The Columbian,” which contains among its advertisements, the following:

“ODD FELLOWS.

“ You are requested to attend in your Lodge Room, on *Tuesday night*, the 21st inst. without fail, at Brother Moore's, P. N. G., at seven o'clock precisely, for the election of officers and other business. Per order of committee.

“*.* Stranger Odd Fellows are invited.”

The nameless lodge held at the house of “Brother Moore, P. N. G.,” is doubtless the same that was left in session there in 1811, and which was revived at the same place in 1818: but preferring to exclude everything which might not be received as fair testimony by the impartial, no allusion is made to this notice, although it bears testimony to the existence of a lodge at that time.

The shortness of the period allowed for the collection of materials for this portion of the present edition, may retard a more full disclosure of the earliest organization of the Order in this country than might be desirable: for, although much valuable information has in a limited time been obtained on the subject, doubtless much more has yet to be learned.

In addition to the authentic memoranda furnished of the original establishment of the Order successively at New York, Baltimore, Boston, Philadelphia and Charleston, apochryphal claims have been presented of the existence of a lodge in Baltimore about 1802: and of another in the state of Connecticut, in 1799. But at present they are so entirely destitute of validity, allusion is only made to show that such claims are set up. Brother John Duncan, a colleague of P. G. Sire Wildey in forming “Washington Lodge, No. 1,” in 1819, stated at that time, that “he was initiated in Baltimore, seventeen years before.”

While referring to those original lodges, it should be borne in mind that the “Independent Order” was not organized as a separate body until

1814 : and did not assume its present form until 1822, hence most of the early lodges were commenced as of the "Ancient" branch of the Order ; those which survived sufficiently long to fall in with "Washington Lodge, No. 1," thereby became identified with the "Independent Order," a connection which a portion of them professed to hold previously.

In this place, it is proper that the compiler of these data should in the broadest manner disclaim any design to affect injuriously the fair fame of him who is justly entitled to the distinction of "the Father of American Odd Fellowship." To endeavour to conceal historical truth, might for a season operate adversely, and dim the lustre of his services : but a candid exposition of all circumstances attendant on the planting and growth of the Order in the country, can have no other effect than to show in bold relief, the inefficiency of the action of those, who had been in possession of the field before him, or were contemporary with him, when contrasted with the services he has rendered.

The efforts of P. G. Sire Thomas Wildey, were not circumscribed by the narrow limits of location ; his enlarged views and active mind could not be satisfied with the mere institution of a lodge, to flourish it for a short season, and then to rest from further exertion, until the work of his hands should pine away and die. His course was restless and onward : after building up a fair fabric at home, and acquiring for it unsurpassed strength, his attention was undividedly directed to the extension of the Order throughout the land, and the improvement of its condition. Those who preceded him in the work, failed by reason of being destitute of those peculiar traits, which though humble, were efficient in acquiring for him the enviable honor of having mainly contributed to its present extended spread, its perfect organization, and commanding influence in the community. Independent of all former efforts, the Order as it is, stands a monument to his peculiar capacity and untiring industry.

In selecting embellishments, an eye has been principally directed to such as would likely be most acceptable to the Order at large. Consisting of the portraits of the several brethren who have been called to administer the highest office : and of the universally respected Grand Corresponding Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States. The style in which these have been gotten up is highly creditable to the taste and skill of Brother Charles H. Smith, the talented young artist, who in this production makes an apt appeal to public attention.

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

An Act for the incorporation of the Grand Lodge of the United States of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

§1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That John A. Kennedy, Horu R. Kneass, Andrew E. Warner, James L. Ridgely, I. D. Williamson, Isaac Bentley, William Warren, John E. Chamberlain, Richard Marley, Howell Hopkins, N. B. Lendy, Alanson Cook, Thaddeus Davids, Mark P. Taylor, Samuel Lucas, S. Va Sackell, Robert Neilson, Thomas Wildey, William Bayley, Charles W. Bradley, John C. McKeldon, and Jacob Hull, Jr., the present Officers and Representatives in the Grand Lodge of the United States of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and their successors, be and they are hereby declared to be a community, corporation and body politic, by the name and style and title aforesaid, and by that name they and their successors, shall and may at all times hereafter be capable in law, to have, receive and retain to them and their successors, property real and personal, also devises or bequests of any person or persons, bodies corporate or politic, capable of making the same, and the same at their pleasure to transfer or dispose of, in such manner as they may think proper: *Provided always,* That the said corporation or body politic, shall not at any time hold or possess property, real, personal or mixed, exceeding in annual value the sum of twenty thousand dollars.

§2 *And be it enacted,* That the said corporation and their successors by the name and style and title aforesaid, shall be forever thereafter capable in law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, defend and be defended, in all or any courts of justice, and before all and any judge, officers or persons whatsoever, in all and singular actions, matters or demands whatsoever.

§3 *And be it enacted,* That it shall and may be lawful for the said corporation to have a common seal for their use, and the same at their will and pleasure to change, alter and make anew, from time to time as they may think best, and shall in general have and exercise all such rights, privileges and immunities, as by law are incident or necessary to corporations, and what may be necessary to the corporation herein constituted.

We hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original law, which passed both branches of the General Assembly of Maryland, at December Session, 1841.

Given under our hands, at the city of Annapolis, this 10th day of February, 1842.

J. NICK WATKINS, *Clk. House Del., Md.*
JOS. H. NICHOLSON, *Clk. Senate of Md.*

CONSTITUTION,
By-Laws and Rules of Order,
OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES,
INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS,
With all Amendments adopted to September, 1843, embodied therein.

CONSTITUTION.

WHEREAS, it has been found expedient, and of great importance to mankind, to perpetuate those institutions which confer on them great and essential benefit. Therefore, the **GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS**, for the more effectual purpose of binding each other in the bond of one common Union, by which we will be enabled to insure a co-operation of action, and of providing for the best interest of our beloved Order, based, as it is, upon the permanent principles of Universal Benevolence, Friendship and Philanthropy, and to secure unto ourselves and posterity more effectually the blessings which are to be derived from so valuable and beneficial an institution, do ordain and establish the following as the **CONSTITUTION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES, OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS**.

Preamble.

Done in the city of Baltimore, in the state of Maryland, on this fifth day of September, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-three.

Date of adoption.

ARTICLE I.

This Lodge shall be known by the name, style and title of the "Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the United States of America," and possesses original and exclusive jurisdiction in Odd Fellowship, over the territories comprising the Federal Government of the United States. It is the source of all true and legitimate authority in Odd Fellowship in the United States of America. All state, district and territorial Grand Lodges and Encampments assemble under its warrant, and derive their authority from it. With it is placed the power to enact such laws and regulations as shall be for the good of the Order in general. It is the ultimate tribunal to which all matters of general importance to the state, district and territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments are to be referred, and its decisions thereon shall be final and conclusive—and with the consent of the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment of a state, district or territory, may receive an appeal of a subordinate lodge or Encampment, from the decision of its Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment. To it belongs the power to regulate and control the work of the Order, and the several duties belonging thereto; to fix and determine the customs and regulations in regard to all things which concern Odd Fellowship. This Grand Lodge has inherent power to establish

Style, title, and jurisdiction.

General powers.

Inherent powers.

lodges and Encampments in foreign countries where no Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment exists. Such lodges and Encampments shall work by virtue of a warrant granted by this Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE II.

Membership.

The members of this Grand Lodge shall be, the Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire, Grand Recording Secretary, Grand Corresponding Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Marshal, Grand Guardian, Grand Chaplain, and the Representatives from state, district or territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, acting under legal, unreclaimed warrants granted by this Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE III.

Officers elective.

The elective officers shall be, Most Worthy Grand Sire, Right Worthy Deputy Grand Sire, Grand Recording Secretary, Grand Corresponding Secretary, and Grand Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected biennially, at the stated meetings of this Grand Lodge, in September, except the Grand Corresponding Secretary, who shall be elected during the pleasure of this Grand Lodge; and who shall be duly installed, and enter on the duties of their office, at the stated meeting next ensuing their election. The Right Worthy Grand Marshal, Right Worthy Grand Guardian, and Right Worthy Grand Chaplain, shall be nominated by the Grand Sire, if approved of by the Grand Lodge, they shall be installed at the stated meeting next ensuing the election of Grand Officers. If, however, any of the above elective officers shall fail to appear to be installed into their respective offices at the time provided, the particular office shall be declared vacant, and the Grand Lodge shall, in that event, proceed to a new election to fill such vacancy, and the officer or officers so elected, shall be accordingly installed. They shall attend each meeting of the Grand Lodge, and perform such duties as are enjoined by the laws and regulations of the Order, and such as may be required by the presiding officer.

When installed.

Officers appointed.

When installed.

Consequence of failure to install

Attendance necessary

ARTICLE IV.

Of Grand Sire, duties.

The Grand Sire shall preside at all meetings of the Grand Lodge, preserve order, and enforce the laws thereof. He shall have the casting vote whenever the Lodge shall be equally divided; but shall not vote on any other occasion. During the recess of this Grand Lodge he shall have a general superintendence of the interests of the Order, and make report to the next stated meeting of his acts and doings in relation thereto. He shall not hold any elective office in any state, district or territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, while acting as Grand Sire.

Not to hold elective office in other branches of the Order.

ARTICLE V.

The Deputy Grand Sire shall open and close the meetings of the Grand Lodge, support the Grand Sire by his advice and assistance, and preside in his absence; and in the absence of the Grand Sire and Deputy Grand Sire, the Grand Lodge shall elect a Grand Sire, *pro tempore*.

Of Deputy Grand Sire, duties.

Of Grand Sire, *pro tem*.

ARTICLE VI.

§ 1. The Grand Recording Secretary shall make a just and true record of all the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, in a book provided for that purpose; summon the members to attend at stated and special meetings; keep accounts between the Grand Lodge and the Grand or subordinate Lodges and Encampments under its jurisdiction; he shall read all petitions, reports and communications, and perform such other duties as the Grand Lodge may from time to time require. He shall receive for his services such sum of money as the Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine.

Of Grand Recording Secretary, duties.

His compensation.

§ 2. The Grand Corresponding Secretary shall write all letters and communications, and carry on under the direction of the Grand Lodge or Grand Sire, the correspondence, and transact such business of this Grand Lodge appertaining to his office, as may be required of him by the Grand Lodge, during his continuance in office. All communications transmitted or received by him, shall be presented to the Grand Lodge for its decision.

Of Grand Corresponding Secretary, duties.

ARTICLE VII.

The Grand Treasurer shall receive all moneys due to the Grand Lodge, pay all orders drawn on him by the Grand Sire, attested by the Grand Secretary, and the seal of the Grand Lodge. He shall lay before the Grand Lodge, at a stated meeting in September, a full and correct statement of his accounts.

Of Grand Treasurer, duties.

ARTICLE VIII.

Past Grand Sires shall be admitted to seats in this Grand Lodge, and be entitled to vote on all questions coming before the Grand Lodge, *Provided*, they be not Representatives.

Of Past Grand Sires, their privileges.

ARTICLE IX.

The Grand Guardian shall prove every brother before he admits him, and allow no one to depart without the password.

Of Grand Guardian, duties.

ARTICLE X.

Representatives from Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments must be Past Grands, in good standing, who have received the R. P. Degree—they must have been elected or

Of Representatives, qualifications.

appointed by the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment they represent, and be furnished with a certificate as follows :

*To the Grand Lodge of the United States
of the I. O. O. F., F. L. T.*

Form of certificate.

This CERTIFIES, that P. G. _____ has been duly appointed (or elected Representative from the Grand Lodge (or Grand Encampment) of _____, to the Grand Lodge of the United States, for the period of one year from the date hereof.

Witness our hands and the seal of Grand _____, this _____ day of _____ A. D. 18—.

[SEAL.]

G. Master.
G. Secretary.

[Or as the case may be,]

[SEAL.]

G. P.
G. Scribe.

Manner of voting.

Each Representative shall be entitled to vote on all questions before the Grand Lodge, in the manner following, to wit : Each Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having less than one thousand members, one vote ; and each Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having more than one thousand members, one additional vote ; the annual returns of the several Grand Lodges or Grand Encampments to determine the number of votes each Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment is entitled to. No officer of this Grand Lodge, unless he be a Representative, shall be permitted to vote, except in the case of Grand Sire, or Past Grand Sires, as herein before provided ; and no Representative shall represent more than one Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment at the same time.

Restrictions on Grand Officers, and Grand Representatives.

ARTICLE XI.

Of Annual Sessions.
When held.
Of Special Sessions,

Mode of convoking.

Hour and place of meeting.

The Grand Lodge of the United States shall meet annually on the ~~third~~ Monday in September, and on its own adjournments ; and *specialy*, on the call of the Grand Sire. When the purpose of meeting is the granting of a charter, the Grand Sire may convene the Grand Lodge upon causing two weeks notice to be given to the Representatives of the different Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, and communicating to them the special purpose thereof. In other special cases, the Grand Sire shall cause two months notice to be given to the different state, district and territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, communicating to them the purpose for which the special meeting is called. In no case shall any business be transacted at a special meeting, except notice thereof shall be given as above stated. The hour of meeting shall be nine o'clock, A. M., and in such place as the Grand Lodge shall from time time determine.

ARTICLE XII.

Of revenue.

From charters.

The revenue of the Grand Lodge shall be as follows :
1st. Fees for Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment charter, \$30.00.

2d. Fees for charter for subordinate lodges or Encampments, working under its immediate jurisdiction, \$30.00.

3d. Dues from subordinate lodges or Encampments, holding warrants from this Lodge, 10 per cent. on their receipts.

From lodges and Encampments.

4th Dues from state, district or territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, viz: \$20.00, per annum, for each vote they shall be entitled to in this Lodge.

From Grand Lodges and Encampments.

ARTICLE XIII.

In case of death, resignation, disqualification, or refusal of the Grand Sire to serve, the duties of the office shall be performed by the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire until the next stated meeting of the Grand Lodge, when an election shall be had for Grand Sire. And in case of the death, resignation, disqualification, or refusal to serve of any elective or appointed officer, the Grand Sire shall appoint some qualified brother to perform the duties until the next stated meeting, when an election or appointment, as the case may require, shall be had.

Of vacancies.

How filled.

ARTICLE XIV.

Each Grand Lodge, working under an unreclaimed warrant granted by the Grand Lodge of the United States, may by its Representative, nominate a candidate for the office of Grand Sire, and also a candidate for the office of Deputy Grand Sire. The candidate thus nominated must be a Past Grand Master, who shall have received the R. P. Degree, and be a contributing member of a subordinate lodge—a majority of all the votes given shall be necessary to elect a Grand Sire or Deputy Grand Sire.

Of nominations, qualification and election of Grand Sire and Deputy Grand Sire.

ARTICLE XV.

A majority of Representatives of the several Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments shall be necessary to form a quorum for the transaction of business. All questions shall be decided by a majority of the votes given.

Of quorum and decisions.

ARTICLE XVI.

By-Laws, in conformity with this Constitution, may be made, which shall not be altered or amended, unless such amendment be made at a stated meeting, and be assented to by two-thirds of the votes given.

Of By-Laws.

ARTICLE XVII.

Any alteration or amendment of this Constitution must be offered to this Grand Lodge, in writing, at a stated meeting thereof, and if seconded, it shall be entered on the minutes. At the next stated meeting the amendments may be considered, and if agreed to by two-thirds of the votes given, shall become a part of the Constitution.

Of amendments.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE 1. Upon the petition of five brothers of the Order, in good standing, praying for a charter to open a subordinate lodge in a state, district or territory, where a Grand Lodge has not been established, this Lodge may grant the same. All subordinate lodges receiving a warrant from the Grand Lodge of the United States, shall be opened by a Past Grand of the Order, regularly deputized therefor by the Grand Sire, who shall deliver to such lodge the warrant and charge books, and shall at the opening thereof, give all necessary instruction. Such lodge shall be visited, at least once a year, by the Grand Sire, or some Past Grand deputized by him for that purpose, or by a District Deputy Grand Sire.

Subordinate
Lodges, how es-
tablished.

ARTICLE 2. Upon the petition of seven qualified members of the Order, in good standing, praying for a warrant to open an Encampment in a state district or territory, where a Grand Encampment has not been established, this Lodge may grant the same. All Encampments receiving a warrant from this Grand Lodge shall be opened by the Grand Sire, or by a qualified Patriarch, who shall deliver to such Encampment the warrant and charge books, and such instructions as may be necessary. Such Encampment shall be visited, at least once a year, by the Grand Sire, District Deputy Grand Sire or by some Patriarch deputized by him for that purpose.

Subordinate En-
campments, how
established.

ARTICLE 3. Subordinate lodges and Encampments working under a warrant from this Grand Lodge, shall transmit to the Grand Recording Secretary, regular quarterly reports of their receipts, and shall embody in said reports the same information as provided for state Grand Lodges, in Article 11. of these Laws, together with the per centum due this Grand Lodge.

Of reports from
Subordinates.

ARTICLE 4. Three or more subordinate lodges or Encampments, located in any state, district or territory, where a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment has not been established, having seven Past Grands or Past C. Patriarchs, in good standing, may petition the Grand Lodge of the United States, in writing, praying for the charter of a Grand Lodge or Grand

Grand Lodges,
and Grand En-
campments, how
established.

Encampment, in such state, district or territory, which if approved of by a majority of the votes given, shall be granted; and such Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall be opened by the Grand Sire, or some qualified brother or Patriarch, whom he shall deputize for that purpose.

Manner of making application.

ARTICLE 5. All applications for charters for a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, must be by vote of the several lodges or Encampments in the state, district or territory, as follows: Each lodge or Encampment in the state, district or territory, shall appoint one or more of its Past Grands or Patriarchs, as a representative, to meet with similar representatives from the other lodges or Encampments, to consider the propriety of an application for a charter for a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment. Each subordinate lodge or Encampment shall furnish to its representative a statement under the seal of the lodge or Encampment, of the number of Past Grands or Past Chief Patriarchs, in good standing, belonging to it. At the meeting of these representatives, the vote shall be by lodges or Encampments; and the application shall be in form following, to wit:

*To the Grand Sire, Officers and Members of the
Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F.*

Form of petition.

The petition of _____ Lodge, (or Encampment,) No. 1, _____ No. 2, _____ No. 3, of _____ respectfully represent, that at present they work under warrants granted by your honorable body; that the Order has increased in the _____ and at present they have _____ Past Grands, (or Past C. Patriarchs,) in good standing. They are of the opinion that it would be of advantage to the Order, if a Grand Lodge (or Grand Encampment) was established in the _____. They therefore pray your honorable Lodge to grant a charter for a Grand Lodge (or Grand Encampment) in the state of _____ to be located at _____.

WITNESS our hands and seals this _____ day of _____, A. D. 18—

A. B. *Representative of No. 1.*

C. D. *Representative of No. 2.*

E. F. *Representative of No. 3.*

Expenses of opening Officers, how borne.

ARTICLE 6. All travelling and other expenses of the Grand Sire, Past Grand or Patriarch, deputized by him to open a Grand or subordinate Lodge or Encampment, shall be paid by such Lodge or Encampment.

Fee required to accompany petition for all charters.

ARTICLE 7. Applications for Grand or subordinate Lodges or Encampments must be accompanied by the fee for the same, which shall be returned if the charter is not granted.

Extent of jurisdictions.

ARTICLE 8. No more than one Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall be chartered in any state, district or territory.

ARTICLE 9. Each Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall have a Grand Seal, an impression whereof in wax shall be sent to the Grand Secretary, and be deposited in the archives of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Impression of seals required to be deposited in the Grand Lodge

ARTICLE 10. The Constitution of each Grand and subordinate Lodge or Encampment, chartered by this Grand Lodge, immediately on its adoption, shall be forwarded to this Grand Lodge for its approval.

Constitutions of all bodies directly subordinate required to be submitted.

ARTICLE 11. Annual returns shall be made by each state, district, or territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, in which they shall give full information of the number of members in good standing, names of Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers, number of initiations, rejections, suspensions and cause, expulsions and cause, admissions by card, withdrawal by card, deaths, amount expended for relief of brothers, amount expended for relief of widows and orphans, amount expended for education of orphans, whole amount of receipts; forms for which shall be furnished by this Grand Lodge. Said returns shall be made to the Grand Recording Secretary, at least one month previous to the annual meeting of this body, and shall be accompanied with the dues thereon, in money current at par in the place where the meeting of this body is held.

Of returns of Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments. Information required to be reported.

Forms to be furnished. To whom and when to be made, accompanied by dues, etc.

ARTICLE 12. No Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment which shall be in arrears more than one year for dues to this Grand Lodge, shall be allowed to vote by its Representative.

Arrears, a disqualification to vote.

ARTICLE 13. During the recess of the Grand Lodge of the United States, the Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire, and Grand Recording Secretary shall be authorized to grant dispensations to open Grand Lodges or Encampments, or subordinate Lodges or Encampments; which shall be submitted to this Grand Lodge for approval and confirmation at its next annual meeting.

Dispensations, how granted in the recess.

ARTICLE 14. The Grand Sire shall, through the Grand Representatives, at each session of the Grand Lodge, forward immediately, a yearly password to the Grand Master of each Grand Lodge, the Grand Patriarch of each Grand Encampment, and to the N. G. of subordinate lodges, and the C. P. of Encampments working under this jurisdiction; and the Grand Master and Grand Patriarch shall communicate the same to the N. G.'s of the several lodges, and the C. P.'s of Encampments in his state, district or territory. The said yearly P. W. to go into operation on the first day of January and to be renewed every year.

Yearly P. W. how transmitted and to whom entrusted.

Period of use.

Membership to be retained in no more than one body of a class, etc.

ARTICLE 15. No person shall hold membership, (other than honorary,) in more than one Grand or subordinate Lodge or Encampment at the same time; nor shall any lodge or Encampment confer degrees upon any member of another lodge or Encampment without the consent of the lodge or Encampment to which the member belongs, given under its seal.

Transfer of jurisdiction takes place on the establishment of Grand Lodges, Grand Encampments, etc.

ARTICLE 16. When a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall have been duly chartered in any state, district or territory, all the lodges and Encampments in said state, district or territory working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, shall thereafter be declared subordinate to, and under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge or Encampment of the state, district or territory in which they are located; and no lodge or Encampment situated in one state, district or territory can be made subordinate to the Grand Lodge or Encampment of another state, district or territory.

Of admission of visitors or depositions.

ARTICLE 17. No brother can be admitted to visit, or deposit his card in a lodge or Encampment out of the state, district or territory where he resides, unless he present a card or certificate under the signature of the officers and seal of the lodge of which he is a member, and endorsed with his name, in his own proper hand writing, and prove himself in the travelling P. W. and in the Degree in which the lodge is open. *Provided, nevertheless,* a brother may always visit if introduced by a Grand Representative, or other elective officer of the Grand Lodge under whose jurisdiction he wishes to visit.

Proviso.

Of District Deputy Grand Sires and their duties.

ARTICLE 18. The Grand Sire shall select and appoint a qualified Past Grand in each state, district or territory, (and may divide any state or territory into more than one district, when he shall deem it essential to the interest of the Order to do so,) as District Deputy Grand Sire, whose duty it shall be to visit the lodges and Encampments working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, to open all new lodges chartered by this Grand Lodge, when not otherwise ordered, and communicate such instruction and information as may be necessary, and to make annual reports of his doings to this Grand Lodge. His expenses, when opening lodges and Encampments, to be paid by the said lodges and Encampments.

Their expenses.

Representatives, how examined

ARTICLE 19. The Representative of each Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment shall be examined by the D. G. Sire as to his qualifications for the office, previous to taking his seat in the Grand Lodge of the United States. On taking

his seat he shall be furnished by the Grand Recording Secretary, with a copy of the Constitution, Rules of Order, and By-Laws of this Grand Lodge. His expenses shall be paid by his Grand Lodge or Encampment, and should he neglect or refuse to attend the meetings of this Lodge when duly notified, he shall be fined five dollars, unless excused by a vote of the Lodge.

Their expenses and liabilities.

ARTICLE 20. Each state, district or territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall furnish its Representative with all documents and papers necessary in the discharge of the duties of his office.

ARTICLE 21. Each state, district or territorial Grand Lodge shall annually, be furnished with as many copies of the printed proceedings of this Grand Lodge as it has subordinate lodges working under its jurisdiction, for its own use; and an equal number to be distributed amongst its subordinates. Each Grand Encampment shall be furnished in the same manner. And each Encampment and lodge working under the warrant of this Grand Lodge shall be furnished with a copy of the proceedings. The Grand Recording Secretary shall see that this law is carried into effect, at as early a date as possible after the close of the annual sessions of this Grand Lodge.

Printed proceedings, how distributed.

By whom.

ARTICLE 22. All dues and moneys for this Grand Lodge shall be paid to the Grand Recording Secretary, and by him be immediately paid over to the Grand Treasurer, who shall give his receipt for the same.

To whom moneys are to be paid.

ARTICLE 23. All state, district or territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments shall enforce upon their subordinates a strict adherence to the work of the Order, according to the forms furnished by the Grand Lodge of the United States, and shall be held responsible for any irregularities that they may allow under their jurisdiction. They shall neither adopt or use, or suffer to be adopted or used in their jurisdiction, any other charges, lectures, degrees, ceremonies, forms of installation, or regalia, than those prescribed by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Uniformity to be strictly observed.

Grand Lodges, and Grand Encampments responsible.

ARTICLE 24. All Grand and subordinate Lodges and Encampments under this jurisdiction shall at all times open and close their regular meetings with prayer.

Of prayer.

ARTICLE 25. The regalia of the Order shall be as follows, to wit:

Aprons and collars of subordinate lodges shall be white, and lined with the emblematic color of the degree intended to

Of regalia for subordinate lodges.

be represented, i. e. first degree, white; second degree, pink; third degree, blue; fourth degree, green; fifth degree, scarlet; rosettes of the appropriate colors can be worn on the collars. The Noble Grand shall wear a scarlet collar; Vice Grand, blue collar; Secretary, green collar; Treasurer, green collar; each of which trimmed with white or silver. Supporters of N. G., scarlet sashes; of the V. G., blue sashes; Warden and Conductor, black sashes; Scene Supporters, white sashes; Chaplain, white sash. The aprons of the elective and appointed officers shall be white, trimmed with the color of the collar or sash indicated for the office.

For Grand
Lodges.

Past Grands shall wear scarlet collars or sashes, and aprons either white, trimmed with scarlet, or scarlet, trimmed with white. The aprons and collars or sashes of Past Grands may be trimmed with silver lace or fringe, and those having attained to the R. P. Degree may have trimmings of yellow metal. The Grand Officers and Past Grands of Grand Lodges shall wear the regalia of Past Grands, as above defined.

For Encamp-
ments.

The Encampment regalia shall be black aprons and gloves, and of those Patriarchs who have attained to the R. P. Degree, purple collars, and the aprons and collars trimmed with yellow lace or fringe.

Of drafts on the
Grand Treasurer
for payments of
moneys.

ARTICLE 26. All expenses of this Grand Lodge shall be paid by an order drawn on the R. W. Grand Treasurer, signed by the Grand Sire, and attested by the Grand Recording Secretary, the same being authorized by a vote of the Grand Lodge.

Of installations.

ARTICLE 27. The installation of officers in subordinate lodges shall be conducted only in manner and form as provided by the Installation Books.

The manner of
opening the
Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE 28. At the appointed hour, the Grand Sire shall take the chair and organize the meeting by directing the Grand Recording Secretary to call the names of the officers of this Grand Lodge. After which the Secretary shall make report of the number of Representatives present. When, if a quorum be present, the Grand Sire shall call on the Grand Chaplain to address the Supreme Ruler of the Universe in prayer. The Deputy Grand Sire shall then examine the Representatives present, and report to the Grand Sire, and if correct, the Grand Sire shall direct the members to clothe themselves with their regalia and take their seats, after which the Deputy Grand Sire, at the request of the Grand Sire, shall proclaim the Lodge duly opened. The business of the session shall then be taken up as provided in the Rules of Order; and when the business is concluded, the Grand Chaplain shall offer a prayer, and the Deputy Grand Sire shall proclaim the Grand Lodge duly closed.

Of closing.

ARTICLE 29. State Grand Lodges are prohibited from conferring the Grand Lodge Degree for a pecuniary consideration, with a view to increasing their revenue, or for any other consideration except the regular performance of the duties of the Noble Grand's chair—the said degree having been designed as a reward for faithful service in the subordinate lodges, and cannot legitimately be reached by any other means.

Grand Lodges. Grand Lodge degree, not to be conferred except for service.

ARTICLE 30. State Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments shall provide laws to protect their brethren in adjoining or distant states, by prohibiting the subordinates under their jurisdiction from initiating persons at places remote from their permanent residence, while lodges and Encampments are known to be located in their immediate neighborhood.

Prohibition from initiating persons from distant states.

ARTICLE 31. Past officers of every description, and members in possession of the Encampment degrees, and all other members of the Order, when visiting Grand or subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction, are entitled to wear the regalia and jewels pertaining to the highest degrees which they may have taken, if they think proper to appear in such regalia.

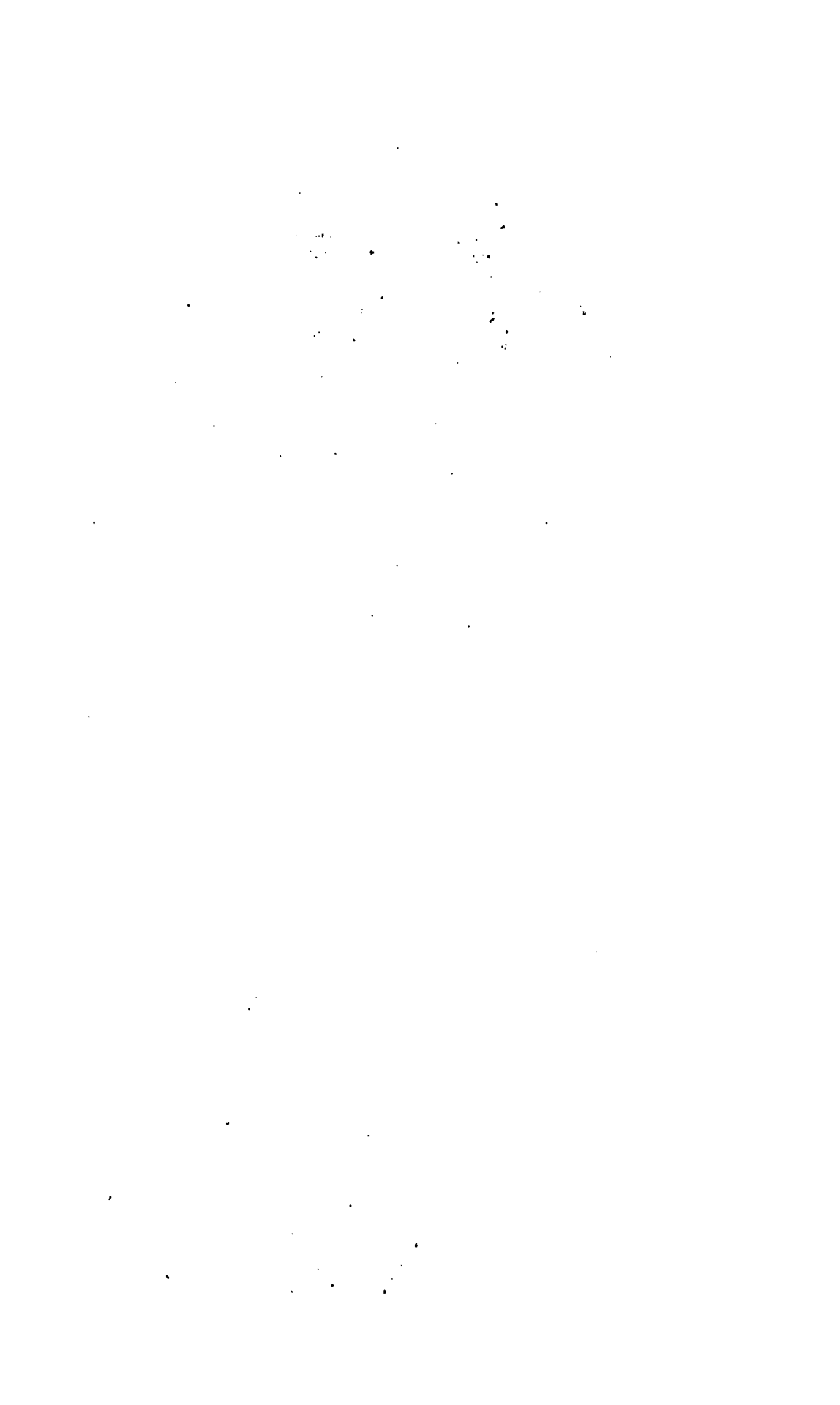
Members entitled to wear regalia according to rank.

ARTICLE 32. Any alterations or amendments to these By-Laws must be proposed in writing, at a regular annual communication, and may be considered and acted upon the same session, but not on the day they are offered.

Of amendments.

ARTICLE 33. All former laws and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of these general laws are hereby repealed.

Repealing clause.



RULES OF ORDER.

1. The presiding officer having taken the chair, the officers and members shall take their respective seats, and at the sound of the gavel there shall be a general silence.

2. The business shall be taken up in the following order:—The Grand Lodge shall be opened as directed by the Constitution and By-Laws.

3. The Grand Recording Secretary will report on certificates of Representatives, which shall be referred to a committee.

4. The minutes of the last annual and intervening meetings shall be read and passed upon.

5. The Grand Sire shall then appoint the following committees, each to consist of three members, viz:—Committee on the State of the Order; Committee on Petitions; Committee on Finance; Committee on Returns and Reports of Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments; Committee of Correspondence.

6. The Grand Sire shall also appoint a committee, consisting of three members, whose duty it shall be to take in charge, and prepare for the action of the Grand Lodge, all business appertaining to state Grand Lodges or Grand Encampments, which shall not be represented by the personal presence of delegates.

7. Report of Grand Sire as to his acts and doings during the recess of the Grand Lodge. Of which report, the Grand Sire be authorized to have a hundred copies printed, provided the work can be done in time to place the copies on the tables of members, at the proper time for laying that document before this body, but not otherwise.

8. Annual reports of the Grand Corresponding Secretary and Grand Treasurer, in which the latter officer shall submit a statement of all the receipts and expenditures, on account of his office, during the year, designating the sources from whence the moneys are received, and the objects to which they are expended; both of which reports may be printed, together or separately, as may be most convenient, in the same manner as have provided, for the annual report of the Grand Sire—it not being intended, however, that the presentation of either of these reports be delayed, in order to have them printed.

9. Reports presented, read and referred.

10. Communications presented and read.

11. The above order of business may be dispensed with at the discretion of the Lodge.

12. Election and installation of officers for the ensuing term shall take place on the second day of the session.

13. During the sitting of the Grand Lodge, each Representative or visitor, on entering or leaving the Lodge, shall address the presiding officer with the sign of the R. P. Degree.

14. No motion shall be subject to debate until it shall have been seconded and stated by the chair—it shall be reduced to writing at the request of any member.

15. When a question is before the Lodge, no motion shall be in order, except to adjourn, for the previous question, to lie on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone for a certain time, to divide, to commit or amend; which motions shall severally have preference in the order herein designated.

16. On a call of the Representatives of three states, districts or territories, a majority of the Lodge may demand that the previous question shall be put, which shall always be in this form: "*Shall the main question be now put?*" and until it be decided, shall preclude all amendments and all further debate.

17. When the reading of any paper or other matter is called for, and the same is objected to by any member, it shall be determined by vote of the Lodge, without debate.

18. Before putting a question, the presiding officer shall ask, "Is the Lodge ready for the question?" if no member rise to speak, and a majority of the Lodge are ready for the question, he shall rise and put it. While the presiding officer is putting a question, or addressing the Lodge, none shall walk out of, or across the room, nor entertain private discourse; and after he shall have risen to put it, no member shall speak upon it.

19. The presiding officer, or any member doubting the decision of a question, may call for a division of the Lodge.

20. No member shall be permitted to speak or vote, unless clothed in regalia, according to his rank and station.

21. In the election of officers, the Grand Sire shall put the question of the nomination of Grand Sire, and the election shall proceed before the nomination of Deputy Grand Sire, and so with the other officers. During the progress of a ballot for an officer, no motion can be entertained, or debate or explanation permitted.

22. Every officer and member shall be designated by his proper title or office, according to his standing in the Order.

23. Every member, when he speaks or offers a motion shall rise and respectfully address the presiding officer; and while speaking he shall confine himself to the question in debate, avoiding all personalities and indecorous language, as well as all reflections upon the Lodge, or any of its members.

24. Should two members rise to speak at the same time, the chair shall decide which is entitled to the floor. And no member shall interrupt or disturb another while speaking, unless to call him to order for words spoken.

25. If a member while speaking, shall be called to order, he shall, at the request of the chair take his seat until the question of order is determined, when if permitted he may proceed again.

26. The decisions of the chair on points of order, may be appealed from by any member, and in such cases the question shall be, "Shall the decision of the chair stand as the judgment of the Lodge?" which shall be decided without debate.

27. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question, until all the members wishing to speak have had an opportunity to do so.

28. When any petition, memorial or communication is presented, a brief statement of its contents shall be made by the introducer or the chair. And after it has been read, a brief notice of its purport shall be entered upon the journal.

29. When a blank is to be filled, the question shall be taken first upon the highest sum or number, and the longest or latest time proposed.

30. Any member may call for a division of a question when the sense will admit.

31. When one-fifth of the members rise in favor of taking a question by Yeas and Nays, they shall be ordered and recorded.

32. The vote by states may be called on any question, if required by two states.

33. All committees shall be appointed by the chair, unless otherwise ordered.

34. Any member who voted with the majority may call for the re-consideration of a vote, at the same session in which it was passed. And if sustained by a majority of all the votes, the re-consideration shall be carried.

For decisions on Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of Order, see Journal, viz:

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The following were chosen, in compliance with the last resol

THOMAS WILDEY,	M. W. G. Master.
JOHN P. ENTWISLE,	R. W. D. G. Master
WILLIAM S. COUTH,	R. W. G. Warden.
JOHN WELCH,	R. W. G. Secretary.
JOHN BOYD,	R. W. G. Treasurer
JOHN BOYD,	W. G. Guardian.

On motion, *Resolved*, That three blank books be provided for the use of for records, &c.

On motion, the body adjourned to meet on the 22d inst.

JOHN WELCH, *Sec*

Organization of the Grand Lodge of Maryland and of the Uni

BALTIMORE, February 22

The body of Past Grands having assembled pursuant to adj the charter of No. 1, Washington Lodge of Maryland, and of States, was surrendered with all its powers into their hands. Grand Lodge was regularly organized.

The following Grand Officers were duly installed into their offices, viz.:

The archives do not furnish satisfactory evidence of the exact period at which it abandoned; but there is evidence it was in the first month of the existence of the lod being thus changed to that of the Independent Order, it became necessary to be possession from competent authority, as required under that organization. As early as Ju effort was commenced to that end, directed toward various points, as one after another failure. The Abercrombie Grand Lodge of Manchester, (the head of one of the divisions who were at the time in active contest for supremacy in Odd Fellowship, and which was the Manchester Unity in 1825,) was the first to respond, and on the 7th January, 1820, is action, which however it is believed, never reached the lodge. Through the instrument John Crowder, who visited Baltimore from Preston, England, during the latter part of of York's Lodge, Preston, Manchester Unity, (which in the general enumeration stands No. 17,) by virtue of powers undisputed, also granted and forwarded a dispensation in 1

"No. WASHINGTON LODGE. 1.

"PIURIBUS UNUM.

"The Grand Lodge of Maryland, and of the United States of America, of the Independent Odd Fellowship.

"To all whom it may concern: This *Warrant or Dispensation* is a free gift from York's Lodge, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellowship, holden at Preston, in Lancaster, in old England, to a number of brothers residing in the city of Baltimore Lodge at the house of brother Thomas Woodward, in South Frederick street, is Hailed by the title of 'No. 1 Washington Lodge, the Grand Lodge of Maryland and States of America.' That the said Lodge, being the first established in the Unit power to grant a *Warrant or Dispensation* to a number of the Independent Order of into any State of the Union, for the encouragement and support of brothers of the travel or otherwise.

"And be it further observed, that the said Lodge be not removed from the house of Thomas Woodward, so long as five brothers are agreeable to hold the same.

"In testimony hereof, we have subjoined our names and affixed the Seal of our first day of February, one thousand eight hundred and twenty.

(L. S.)	"JAMES MANDSLEY, G. M.	JOHN CROWDER,
	"JOHN COTTAM, N. G.	W. TOPPING, P. G.
	"GEO. NAILOR, V. G.	SAML. PEMBERTO
	"JOHN ECCLES, &c.	GEO. WARD, P. G.
(Colors.)	"JOHN WALMSLEY, P. G.	
	"GEORGE BELL, P. G."	

This instrument was not received until 2d of October, 1820, when it was formally continued to be the warrant of authority under which the lodge worked, until the Past its surrender into their hands; the invitation was responded to favorably by an unanim the lodge received a dispensation from the Grand Lodge in lieu. The success of the propriety be dated from this event, as concentrated and more enlightened action result.

THOMAS WILDEY,
JOHN P. ENTWISLE,
WILLIAM S. COUTH,
JOHN WELCH,
JOHN BOYD,
JOHN BOYD,

M. W. G. Master.
R. W. D. G. Master.
R. W. G. Warden.
R. W. G. Secretary.
R. W. G. Treasurer, and
W. G. Guardian.

P. G. Larkam having been duly admitted to membership, the Golden Rule Degree was then conferred on five Past Grands.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a dispensation be presented to Washington Lodge, No. 1, of Maryland, as a subordinate lodge.

The subject of providing means for the support of the Grand Lodge being under consideration, the following were adopted:

Resolved, That *ten per centum* be paid by the subordinate lodges on their receipts, for the support of the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That each member pay to the Grand Lodge, *seventy five cents* for the Golden Rule Degree.

Resolved, That thirty dollars be charged for Dispensations for opening lodges, viz.: Ten dollars for the Dispensation.

Ten dollars for the White, Blue and Scarlet Degrees, and Books of Charges. And Ten dollars for the intermediate Degrees, called the Covenant and Remembrance.*

On motion, the Grand Lodge then adjourned.

JOHN WELCH, *Grand Secretary*.

QUARTERLY SESSION.

BALTIMORE, May 22d, 1821.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met and opened in ample form, THOMAS WILDEY, M. W. G. Master, presiding. No business appearing for the action of the body, the Grand Lodge adjourned.

JOHN WELCH, *Grand Secretary*.

QUARTERLY SESSION.

BALTIMORE, August 22d, 1821.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment, and opened in regular form, THOMAS WILDEY, M. W. G. Master, presiding.

P. G. Larkam was appointed and installed Conductor.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

1. That the Grand Lodge receive with entire satisfaction the application of *Pruthia Lodge*, No. 2, and agree to grant the petition therein contained.

2. That the Grand Lodge will as soon as possible prepare the dispensations, together with the books of the degrees, charges and lectures, in regular form and proper order.

3. That the Grand Lodge will wait the arrival of the packet ship from Liverpool, to which the new lecture books, and other information written for, are expected to

* *Covenant and Remembrance*—These degrees, at the time denominated the "Intermediate Degrees," were prepared by P. G. John P. Entwisle, and sanctioned and adopted by the Committee of Past Grands, acting as a Grand Lodge, during the previous year.

† *Freemason Lodge*, No. 2.—This Lodge was organized on the principles of self-institution, about November 25, 1819, with the approbation of Washington Lodge, by P. G. Henry M. Jackson and others. It drew from the latter party 111 sign for the purpose. It was located at the time, in the city of Hagerstown, near Thomas's Falls Point. Previous to the receipt of the dispensation

from the Grand Lodge, it was visited by the Order in Manchester for a dispensation for this lodge. On the 10th of August, 1820, it was refused on the ground of Washington Lodge's not being a regular lodge within its jurisdiction, and the applicants not being a duly constituted body for dispensation.

arrive, in order that the dispensations granted to Washington Lodge, No. 1, and Franklin Lodge, No. 2, may be perfect and complete with the aforesaid lectures, &c.

4th. That the Grand Lodge, from and after the date hereof, hail and acknowledge Franklin Lodge, No. 2, as a legal lodge of the I. O. Fellows, and that their dispensation shall be dated September 5th, 1821.

5th. That a committee of three be appointed—viz. the G. Master, D. G. Master, and G. Warden—to draft the dispensations, to prepare the books, and to inquire into the expense of printing fifty blank dispensations, and to report the same to an adjourned meeting of the Grand Committee,* to be called at the pleasure of the Grand Master.

6th. That Washington Lodge, No. 1, and Franklin Lodge, No. 2, be required to deliver to the Grand Lodge, the books of degrees they now have, on their receiving the new ones.

7th. That the resolution of the Grand Lodge on the 7th of February last, authorizing the purchase of books for the use of the Grand Lodge, be forthwith attended to.

8th. That a sub-committee of three be appointed to draft a Constitution for the Grand Lodge, and to report the same to the next meeting of the Grand Lodge, or to the Grand Committee before, if necessary. *Committee*—D. G. Master, G. Guardian, and G. Conductor.

9th. That the 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th and 9th resolutions be communicated to the subordinate lodges by the acting G. Secretary.

All business being disposed of, the Grand Lodge closed in F. L. and T.

JOHN P. ENTWISLE, *Grand Secretary, pro tem.*

QUARTERLY SESSION.

BALTIMORE, November 22d, 1821.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment, and opened in regular form, THOMAS WILDEY, M. W. G. Master, presiding.

The Grand Lodge having proceeded to business, eight propositions were presented from the committee appointed for the purpose of framing a Constitution for the Grand Lodge.† Which were adopted unanimously.

* *Grand Committee.*—A term used to distinguish between formal regular sessions of the Grand Lodge, and the special or emergent meetings held for the transaction of special or minor business. The same officers and members who composed the Grand Lodge constituting the body of the Grand Committee. Business transacted by the Grand Committee, although official, was not strictly authentic until approved by the Grand Lodge at a regular session.

† *Grand Lodge.*—The Committee of Past Grands at the preparatory meeting is here alluded to.

‡ *Constitution for the Grand Lodge.*—Having failed to obtain a copy of this constitution in the archives, a note was prepared stating that fact, and deploring the loss to the Order of so important a document; when a copy was furnished by our indefatigable Boston brethren from the archives of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

“Grand Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Maryland and of the United States.”

Sec. 1.—On the Formation of the Grand Lodge.

Art. 1. The Grand Lodge is composed of the Past Grands of all the lodges within the State, that shall be acting under a legal charter and in obedience to the constitution of the Grand Lodge, and must consist of at least five P. G.'s, from one or more lodges.

Art. 2. Every legal lodge shall be equally represented in the Grand Lodge, when by-laws are to be made, or when any alteration, repeal or amendment shall be made to the constitution; but in other business, a majority of all the members present shall decide.

Art. 3. Any motion for an alteration, repeal or amendment to the constitution, must be sent in writing to the Grand Master or Deputy, at least six months before the annual meeting, at which time alone they can be made, so that the Grand Secretary may communicate the same to the P. G.'s of the respective lodges, that they may send deputies or appoint proxies to vote on the same; and a majority of three to one, shall be necessary to decide.

Art. 4. Any motion for a by-law to be made, altered, amended or dispensed with, must be sent in writing to the G. S. at least three months before the meeting at which it is to be discussed, and a majority of the delegates or proxies shall decide.

Art. 5. Any P. G. desirous of entering the Grand Lodge as a member, must send a certificate signed by the elective officers of his lodge, and countersigned by a P. G., or if none else have passed the chair, it must be countersigned by the Warden and Guardian, and must be sealed with the seal of the lodge, to wit:

‘That P. G. ——— is clear of the Secretary’s books, and under no charges of breach of the general articles or the by-laws, and that he has filled his office with honor to himself and with credit and advantage to the Order.’

Should he not be known to any member of the Grand Lodge, he shall be obligated that the certificate is genuine; and the certificate shall only be admissible on the first session of the Grand Lodge.

The articles relative to the S., P. W. &c., were also unanimously adopted. P. G.'s Solomon Winchester, of Washington Lodge, No. 1, and Ezekiel Wilson, of Franklin Lodge, No. 2, were elected and admitted to membership and took the fourth (G. R.) degree.

Article 10. If the certificate is satisfactory, the P. G. desiring admittance must work his way with the Grand Lecturer through the first, second and third degrees, and by the sign of a P. G., and after the examination, shall be conducted to the G. M. and take the obligation; then to the G. W., who, with the assistance of the G. C., instructs him in the signs, etc., and explains the situation of the lodge, after which he takes his situation as a member of the Grand Lodge.

Article 11. The Grand Lodge shall meet annually on February 26th; and quarterly from that date, on general sessions, and the G. M. and his Deputy have power to call a special committee at their discretion on extraordinary business.

Article 12. The Golden Rule or fourth degree shall be read every quarter, when none but such as have taken it, or to then receive it, shall be present; and every P. G. who shall receive it, shall pay one dollar, and give the support of the funds.

Article 13. P. G.s entering the Grand Lodge must work their way by the P. G. sign and password.

Article 14. No P. G. shall leave the Lodge without permission from the G. M. or presiding officer, and pass on from the G. W.

Article 15. Every member of the Grand Lodge summoned to attend at an annual or quarterly meeting, who is not present is attended such meeting, without sending a written apology, shall be fined fifty cents. An neglect of a summons to attend a committee, without a sufficient apology in writing, shall be fined twenty-five cents.

Article 16. No refreshments shall be allowed in the lodge room during its session.

Article 17. The constitution and by-laws shall be read on the annual session, and the brothers of the third degree shall be admitted to hear it, after the previous business is transacted.

Article 18. The Grand Lodge may enact by laws for the government of the meetings, and for the regulation necessary to the pecuniary affairs, provided they do not interfere with the constitution.

Act 2.—On the Election and Situation of Officers.

Article 19. The officers of the Grand Lodge are: the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Warden, Grand Secretary, Grand Guardian, and the Grand Combitor. The candidates for G. M. may be nominated by any member of the Grand Lodge, and on being seconded, after three times calling the nominated candidates shall be put to the ballot; and the G. M. shall be elected by a majority of votes. The G. M. elect shall then proceed to nominate three P. G.'s as candidates for the office of D. G. M., one of whom shall be elected by a majority of tickets. The G. W. shall be elected in the same manner as the G. M. The G. S. shall be elected also in like manner. The G. G. and G. C. shall be appointed by the G. M.

Article 20. The G. M. shall hold his office four years, and shall be eligible as a candidate for three years longer, after the expiration of which, he shall not be eligible as a candidate till the expiration of four years, if there are sufficient members to fill all the offices; but it shall be at the option of the G. M. to resign at the expiration of two years, on notice given to the Grand Lodge at least one quarter before the annual meeting. The D. G. M. shall hold his office two years, and shall be eligible as a candidate for re-election as long as the G. M. shall remain in office; but it shall be at the option of the D. G. M. to resign at the expiration of one year, on notice given to the Grand Lodge at least one quarter before the annual meeting. The G. W. shall hold his office one year, and shall not be eligible to be re-elected. The G. S. shall hold his office two years, and shall be eligible to be re-elected to that office without limitation of time; but it shall be at his option to resign on notice given to the Grand Lodge one quarter before the annual meeting. The G. G. and G. C. shall hold their offices one year, and shall be eligible to be re-appointed to the same offices for two clear years, provided there be a sufficient number of P. G.'s.

Article 21. The duty of the G. M. is to preside during the session, preserving order and due observance of the laws, and to put to the vote all propositions, and in case of equality, to give a casting vote. He shall administer the obligation to P. G.s, and the admittance of members of the Grand Lodge, and be regularly present at the working lodges in the city.

The duty of the D. G. M. is to examine every P. G. in the Grand Lodge; to open and close the meetings; to assist the G. M. in his assistance, and to take his place in the assembly. The D. G. M. shall read the opening propositions, reports, communications and communications brought to the Grand Lodge; to receive and give votes, and to receive the sign of the G. M. and the G. W.

The duty of the G. W. is to act as Vice-President. He must cause to be announced to the G. M. to be respected, having charge of the order and to remove the meeting when the G. M. may be engaged in the lodges; he shall receive the sign of the G. M. and the G. W. and give the sign of the G. M. to the new members.

The duty of the G. S. is to record and read the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, as well as the communications, and to take the minutes of the working lodges of the Grand Lodge.

The duty of the G. G. is to examine every P. G. before he is admitted to the lodge, and to report on the same to the G. M. and to prevent the admission of any person of bad character and unbecoming conduct.

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The W. G. Guardian moved, that the address delivered by the Grand Master, be recorded in the proceedings.* Which motion prevailed.

The committee appointed to draft a Constitution, reported thirteen additional articles. Which, on motion, were unanimously adopted.

On motion of G. Guardian Boyd, it was unanimously

Resolved, That P. G. Richard P. Petherick be and is hereby expelled from the Grand Lodge.†

On motion of D. G. M. Entwisle, it was

Resolved, That the proceedings of the Grand Lodge be sent to Washington Lodge, No. 1, and Franklin Lodge, No. 2, and likewise to the Abercrombie Grand Lodge of Manchester.

The Grand Lodge then closed.

JOHN WELCH, *Grand Secretary*.

MEETINGS OF THE GRAND COMMITTEE.

BALTIMORE, December 19th, 1821.

At a special meeting of the Grand Committee of the Grand Lodge of the I. O. F. of Maryland and of the United States of America, was held at the house of D. G. M. Entwisle. Present:

Sec. 3.—On Dispensations.

Art. 17. On application in writing from five brothers of the Independent Order of Odd Fellowship, to obtain a dispensation, the G. M. or his Deputy shall appoint a committee to consider of the same, and if the report of the committee shall be favorable, the G. M. shall take the sense of the Lodge on the same, which the majority decide; but if unfavorable, the G. M. shall, if a motion is made and seconded to that effect, refer the petition to the committee again for a revision, and afterwards put it to the vote again, and decide accordingly.

Art. 18. The dispensation, with the charges and the lectures of the first or white, the second or blue, the third or scarlet, together with the covenant and remembrance degrees, shall be charged at thirty dollars, to defray the expenses thereof. The money to be paid, or security given on the delivery of the dispensation.

Art. 19. When a dispensation is granted, a member of the Grand Lodge shall be deputed to deliver the same; to open the lodge and give instructions such as he finds them prepared to receive, and are necessary to have.

Art. 20. Every lodge acting under the Grand Lodge, shall pay to the funds thereof, ten per centum on the amount of their quarterly receipts, which must be sent by a P. G. at the quarterly meeting of the Grand Lodge, together with a statement of expulsions or suspensions, (if any,) the names and reasons thereof, and any other circumstances of general importance, which the Grand Lodge will cause to be circulated to all other lodges in the state.

Art. 21. The Grand Lodge shall forward a quarterly password and explanation to each lodge in the state.

Art. 22. Every lodge must give a proof impression of their seal, to be deposited in the Grand Lodge, and all communications must be sealed therewith.

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JOHN P. ENTWISLE, G. S."

* *Be recorded, &c.*—Notwithstanding this imperative order, the address of the Grand Master, which would seem to be the first official one delivered to the Grand Lodge, is neither recorded nor to be discovered among the archives. The following copy, which may not be strictly correct, has been obtained from a private source:

"Right Worthy Deputy Grand Master, Grand Officers, and Past Grands—

"On the present occasion we meet on most important business. On the decision of this meeting depends the welfare and success of our honorable Order. At this meeting we must lay down rules for our future conduct; and if our deliberations are directed by the Great Patron of our Order, the God in whom we put our trust, we have nothing to fear for our future welfare. I look upon you as the pillars and supports of the Order. Your example and precepts are revered by all good Odd Fellows, when deserving reverence; otherwise you disgrace yourselves, injure the Order and injure society in general. From your opportunities you can judge well of your duties, and I solemnly call on you this day to give me your assistance in my endeavours to form such plans as may be productive of the great objects of all our services to the institution, Brotherly Love, Unity, and Benevolence."

† *Be and is hereby expelled, &c.*—The summary mode of expulsion here presented, was not unusual in the subordinates, as well as the Grand Lodge at the time. It was liable to great abuse, and fortunately was corrected at an early day; but not until several instances of severe hardship had occurred. F. G. Petherick does not appear by the minutes to have been a member of the Grand Lodge at the time, nor are we in the remotest degree capable of judging of the propriety of this proceeding, destitute as it is, of all charge of offence or form of trial. He subsequently became a valuable accession to the Order in another place.

JOHN P. ENTWISLE,
JOHN WELCH,
JOHN BOYD,

R. W. D. G. Master.
R. W. G. Secretary.
W. G. Guardian, and

P. G's Wilson, Winchester and Larkam.

The committee to draft the Dispensations, reported a form, which was adopted.

The form of a Seal for the Grand Lodge was also presented and adopted. Frederick G. Schaffer was elected to print the dispensations.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That D. G. M. Entwisle, G. Sec'y Welch and P. G. Wilson, be a committee to revise the Degrees and Charges.

No other business being before the Grand Committee, it adjourned to 1st proximo.

JOHN WELCH, *Grand Secretary*.

BALTIMORE, January 1st, 1822.

The Grand Committee met pursuant to adjournment. Present:

THOMAS WILDEY,
JOHN P. ENTWISLE,
WILLIAMS COUTH.
JOHN WELCH,
WILLIAM LARKAM,

M. W. G. Master.
R. W. D. G. Master.
R. W. G. Warden.
R. W. G. Secretary.
W. G. Guardian, *p. t.*, and

P. G's Winchester and Wilson.

G. M. Wildey, seconded by D. G. M. Entwisle, moved that each member be allowed five dollars toward defraying the expenses of the regalia to be worn by each member thereof, except P. G's Wilson and Winchester, who shall be allowed two dollars and fifty cents each. Provided, however, that this proposition is not to be taken as a precedent on any future occasion. Adopted unanimously.

On motion, the following were adopted.

Resolved, That no member shall receive a degree in any lodge but the lodge of which he is a member.

Resolved, That the members of the Grand Lodge, do meet at the Washington Lodge, No. 1, and the Franklin Lodge, No. 2, on the 10th inst., to instruct the present and past officers of each Lodge on their special duties relative to the Degrees, Charges &c., and to prevent copies of lectures, &c. from being made.

On motion, the Grand Committee adjourned to 9th inst.

JOHN WELCH, *Grand Secretary*.

BALTIMORE, January 9th, 1822.

The Grand Committee met pursuant to adjournment, Present:

THOMAS WILDEY,
JOHN P. ENTWISLE,
WILLIAMS COUTH,
JOHN WELCH,
WILLIAM LARKAM,
JOHN BOYD,

M. W. G. Master.
R. W. D. G. Master.
R. W. G. Warden.
R. W. G. Secretary.
W. G. Conductor.
W. G. Guardian, and

P. G's Wilson and Winchester.

The Grand Committee then proceeded to fill up and sign the dispensations for Washington Lodge, No. 1, dated February 22d, 1821, and Franklin Lodge, No. 2, dated September 5th, 1821.

The Grand Committee then adjourned.

JOHN WELCH, *Grand Secretary.*

ANNUAL SESSION

Of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Maryland and of the United States.

BALTIMORE, February 22d, 1822.

The R. W. Grand Lodge convened this day, being the Annual Session, and opened in regular form. Present :

THOMAS WILDEY,	M. W. G. Master.
JOHN P. ENTWISLE,	R. W. D. G. Master.
WILLIAM S. COUTH,	R. W. G. Warden.
JOHN WELCH,	R. W. G. Secretary.
JOHN BOYD,	W. G. Guardian, and

P. G. Winchester.

The Grand Lodge being regularly opened, proceeded to business.

The proceedings of the several meetings of the Grand Committee of December 14th, January 1st, and 9th, having been read, were approved.

G. Guardian Boyd presented two-eighths of tickets of the Washington Monument Lottery, purchased for the use of the Grand Lodge. The numbers were 12,594 and 15.

A bill was presented by G. M. Wildey, amounting to \$76 37, which was approved. Also, one from D. G. M. Entwisle, for \$8 50, approved. Also, one from G. Sec'y Welch, for \$10 00, approved. Also, one from G. Guar. Boyd, for \$10 50, approved.

P. G's McKormick and Seeds were elected and admitted, when the fourth (G. R.) degree was conferred on them.

On motion, it was

Ordered, That letters be written to New York and Boston and every endeavour be made to open a correspondence with the same.

The present Grand Officers were proposed to fill their situations for the ensuing year, and unanimously agreed to.

D. G. M. Entwisle proposed that Washington Lodge, No. 1, be recommended to send some of its members to Franklin Lodge, No. 2, to render assistance.* Which was adopted.

On motion, the following were adopted.

Resolved, That any member of the Grand Lodge having been regularly summoned to attend a meeting, and neglecting to attend said meeting without sending an apology in writing, shall be fined 50 cents; and at a Grand Committee meeting, 25 cents; and that any brother leaving the room at any meeting without the consent of the Grand Master, or presiding officer, shall be fined one dollar.

* *To render assistance.*—A very usual practice during the incipency of the Order, and has proved of essential service in advancing its prosperity. In Europe, as well as this country, it was resorted to with like success in sustaining the feeble. P. G. S. Wildey, while holding the supreme office, was among those who withdrew from Washington Lodge, No. 1, to sustain William Tell Lodge, No. 4, where his membership still continues.

Resolved, That every member of the Grand Lodge not being present within fifteen minutes after the specified time, shall be subject to the fine affixed to such offence.

Ordered, That a communication be sent to the Subordinate Lodges informing them of the suspension of P. G. Wilson for twelve months and a day.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned in F. L. & T.

JOHN WELCH, *Grand Secretary*.

Annual Report of the Subordinate Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of Maryland and of the United States, I. O. O. F., commencing February, 1821, and ending February, 1822.

Lodges.	№	Place of Meeting.	Remarks.
Washington, Franklin.	1 2	Baltimore. "	No further report. " " "

QUARTERLY SESSION.

BALTIMORE, May 29d, 1822.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment, and opened in regular form, THOMAS WILDEY, M. W. G. Master, presiding.

P. G. Mitchell was elected and admitted, and the fourth (G. R.) degree was conferred on him.

G. M. Wildey, D. G. M. Entwisle, G. G. Boyd, and P. G.'s Winchester, McCormick and Seeds, were each fined 50 cents for not attending within the time limited by a By-Law, passed at the last Quarterly Session of the Grand Lodge.

Letters were presented by the G. M. from P. G. Crowder, Preston, England; and P. G. Petherick, recently expelled, which were read.

A communication was received from Franklin Lodge, No. 2, respecting the expulsion of P. G. Wilson,* which was sanctioned by the Grand Lodge.

On motion, the Grand Lodge, approved of the expulsion of P. G. Humphreys, for attempting to defraud the Treasury of his Lodge.

Report of the Grand Treasurer.

Cash received from P. G. Mitchell,	- - -	\$ 75
" " Washington Lodge, No. 1, dues,	- - -	8 67
" " Franklin " " 2, "	- - -	2 69
		<hr/> \$ 12 11
Balance in G. Treasurer's hands previous to present quarter,		102 97
		<hr/> \$ 115 08
G. Treasurer, Cr. By bills paid,	- - -	- 100 37
		<hr/> \$ 14 71

The Grand Lodge then adjourned.

JOHN WELCH, *Grand Secretary*.

* *Wilson*—This brother was subsequently reinstated, and became the Grand Master of the Lodge.

QUARTERLY SESSION.

BALTIMORE, August 22d, 1822.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment, and opened in regular form. Present:

THOMAS WILDEY,	M. W. G. Master.
JOHN WELCH,	R. W. G. Secretary.
JOHN BOYD,	R. W. G. Treasurer.
WILLIAM LARKAM,	W. G. Conductor.
——— McKORMICK,	W. G. Guardian, <i>p. t.</i> , and

P. G's Seeds and Mitchell.

The following officers were each fined 50 cents, viz: G. M. Wildey, G. G. Boyd, and P. G's Seeds and McKormick.

P. G. Nelson was elected and admitted.

P. G. Mitchell submitted the following, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the sum of one dollar be charged for the Golden Rule Degree.

P. G. Nelson then applied for the G. R. Degree, who was duly elected and received the same.

P. G. William S. Couth tendered his resignation as G. Warden, which was accepted.

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of G. Warden, in place of P. G. Couth, resigned.

Whereupon, P. G. Thomas Mitchell was proposed, balloted for, and elected.

D. G. M. Entwisle, gave notice, that he should tender his resignation at the next Quarterly Session.

Application was made from Franklin Lodge, No. 2, for the Degrees of the Covenant and Remembrance, which was duly considered and granted.

D. G. M. Entwisle submitted the following, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the death of the lamented P. G. Winchester, be recorded on the books of the Grand Lodge.

G. G. Boyd offered the following, which was adopted

Resolved, That the members of the Grand Lodge wear crape for the next four quarters.

Cash Receipts.

Fines,	- - - - -	\$ 2 00
P. G. Nelson, fourth degree,	- - - - -	1 00
" Larkam,	- - - - -	2 94
		<hr/> \$ 5 94

The Grand Lodge then closed in Brotherly Love.

JOHN WELCH, *Grand Secretary.*

QUARTERLY SESSION.

BALTIMORE, November 22d, 1822.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment, and opened in regular form. Present:

THOMAS WILDEY,
JOHN P. ENTWISLE,
JOHN WELCH,
JOHN BOYD,
WILLIAM LARKAM,

M. W. G. Master.
R. W. D. G. Master.
R. W. G. Secretary.
W. G. Guardian.
W. G. Conductor, and

Pa McKormick and Nelson.

. Sec'y Welch and P. G. Seeds were each fined 50 cents.

. G. Scotchburn presented his certificate from No. 2, and was then admitted and admitted.

. G. Scotchburn applied for the fourth (G. R.) degree, who was elected and instructed.

On motion, the following were adopted.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge visit Washington Lodge, No. 1, on the first Monday of the third month of this quarter, and Franklin Lodge, No. 2, the next quarter, in turn and order.

Resolved, That D. G. M. Entwisle, G. Sec'y Welch and P. G. Scotchburn, be authorized to make an alteration in the words and music of the ode sung at present in different lodges, and make their report at the next Quarterly Session.

Resolved, That G. G. Boyd and G. C. Larkam do meet to settle the books of the Grand Lodge.

Report of the Grand Treasurer.

Amount in hands of G. Treasurer,	- - -	\$ 14 71
Amount received August 22d,	- - -	5 94
" from Washington Lodge, No. 1, dues, 2 qrs.	- - -	11 51
" " Franklin " " 2, " 2	- - -	6 78
" " P. G. Scotchburn,	- - -	1 00
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		\$ 39 94
Treasurer, Cr. By bill paid,	- - -	56
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Amount in G. Treasurer's hands,	- - -	\$ 39 38

The Grand Lodge then adjourned.

JOHN WELCH, *Grand Secretary.*

ANNUAL SESSION

Of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Maryland and of the United States.

BALTIMORE, February 22d, 1823.

The R. W. Grand Lodge convened this day, being the Annual Session, and opened in regular form. Present:

THOMAS WILDEY,
JOHN P. ENTWISLE,
THOMAS MITCHELL,
JOHN WELCH,
JOHN BOYD,
WILLIAM LARKAM,

M. W. G. Master.
R. W. D. G. Master.
R. W. G. Warden.
R. W. G. Secretary.
W. G. Guardian.
W. G. Conductor, and

G. Seeds, Nelson and Scotchburn.

P. G. Ansice presented his certificate, who was elected and admitted.

P. G. Anstice then applied for the fourth (G. R.) degree, and was elected and duly instructed.

On motion, the following were adopted,

Resolved, That each member of the Grand Lodge be required to give the P. G's S. and P. W. before they can be admitted into the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge proceed to the election of G. Officers to serve for the ensuing two years.

The following were then duly elected, and installed, viz:

THOMAS WILDEY,	M. W. G. Master.
JOHN WELCH,	R. W. D. G. Master.
THOMAS MITCHELL,	R. W. G. Warden.
JOHN P. ENTWISLE,	R. W. G. Secretary.
JOHN BOYD,	R. W. G. Treasurer.
JOHN BOYD,	W. G. Guardian.
WILLIAM LARKAM,	W. G. Conductor.

Report of the Grand Treasurer.

Balance in hands of G. Treasurer,	-	-	-	\$ 39 88
Cash received from Washington Lodge, No. 1, dues,	-	-	-	7 40
" " " Franklin " " 2, "	-	-	-	7 24
" " " P. G. Anstice,	-	-	-	1 00
Balance in G. Treasurer's hands,	-	-	-	\$ 55 02

The Grand Lodge then adjourned.

JOHN P. ENTWISLE, *Grand Secretary.*

Annual Report of the Subordinate Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of Maryland and of the United States, I. O. O. F., commencing February, 1822, and ending February, 1823.

LODGES.	No.	Place of Meeting.	Revenue.	Time of Meeting.
Washington,	1	Baltimore.	\$275 80	Every Monday.
Franklin,	2	"	167 10	" Thursday.
			\$442 90	

MEETING OF THE GRAND COMMITTEE.

BALTIMORE, April 13th, 1823.

The Grand Committee met pursuant to call. Present:

THOMAS WILDEY,	M. W. G. Master.
JOHN WELCH,	R. W. D. G. Master.
THOMAS MITCHELL,	R. W. G. Warden.
JOHN P. ENTWISLE,	R. W. G. Secretary.
JOHN BOYD,	W. G. Guardian.
WILLIAM LARKAM,	W. G. Conductor, and

P. G's Seeds, Nelson, Scotchburn and Anstice.

An application was received from Massachusetts Lodge, No. 1,* at Boston, for a Charter with Grand Lodge powers. When, on motion, it was unanimously

Resolved, That a Charter be granted to Massachusetts Lodge, No. 1.

Resolved, That a Dispensation for a Grand Lodge to grant charters to other lodges in the State of Massachusetts, be given free of expense to the P. G.'s of those lodges, and to be located at Boston.

On motion, the following were adopted.

Resolved, That the Lectures of the Degrees be printed.

Resolved, That D. G. M. Welch and G. Sec'y Entwisle, be appointed a committee to write out the Lectures and Charges and attend to the printing of the same, and to be completed within the shortest time possible.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to report amendments to the Constitution.

Resolved unanimously, That our M. W. Grand Master be deputed to convey the Charter to Boston.†

G. Guar. Boyd, and P. G.'s Scotchburn, Nelson and Anstice, were appointed the committee to prepare amendments to the Constitution, in compliance with the resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge.

The members of the committee appointed to prepare amendments to the Constitution, were informed, that previous to entering on the duties of their appointment, they must receive a summons from the Grand Secretary.

The Grand Committee having discussed a variety of subjects relative to the good of the Order, then closed in unity and harmony.

JOHN P. ENTWISLE, *Grand Secretary*.

* *Massachusetts Lodge, No. 1*—Was organized on the self-institution principle, at Boston, Mass., on the 25th of March, 1820. James B. Barnes, who now resides at East Cambridge, had been for several years endeavouring to collect a sufficient number of members to constitute a lodge, and finally succeeded, by closely watching the passenger ships from Europe, on the arrival of one of which he was enabled to add two to the number he had in waiting, when the lodge was opened in Federal-street, at the house of a Mr. Eaton, composed of the following persons, viz: James B. Barnes, N. G.; H. D. Fregeire, V. G.; Thomas Kennedy, Sec'y; James B. Eaton, Treasurer, and Jacob Myers, Warden. This lodge had tolerable success, but was unfortunate in its choice of location, having had necessity to remove four times in the first year. It continued to operate under the impression of being the only lodge in the country, until the early part of 1822, at which time the brethren in Baltimore opened a correspondence with its members, by authority of a resolution of the Grand Lodge, which eventuated in the following letter, being the application the Grand Committee were called to consider:

"Boston, March 28, 1822.

"To the Most Noble Grand, Officers and Brothers of the Washington Lodge, Baltimore—

"Your favor, through the hands of brother Wilson, was duly received by the Massachusetts Lodge, No. 1. The kind and affectionate manner you received our worthy brother Wilson, merits our warmest acknowledgements, and rest assured, such praiseworthy conduct will meet with a reciprocation from us, as we are convinced it will tend more closely to cement the bonds of Old Fellowship. From brother Wilson's statement, we are satisfied your lodge is legally the Grand Lodge of the United States; we do hereby acknowledge you as such, and beg you to grant us a charter as the Grand Lodge of this State, under the title of the Massachusetts Lodge of I. O. F., No. 1, giving us power to grant charters to such lodges as may from time to time arise in this State, but at all times to acknowledge your lodge as the Grand Lodge of the United States. We feel more anxious on this point, as we have just granted a few of our worthy brothers leave to withdraw from us and form a new lodge, with no other intention but to benefit the Order, by spreading it more extensively. We are without the lectures and degrees, and we wish you to state the manner of application and method of receiving them here. We shall at all times be proud of any communication from you, and sincerely hope there will be a free correspondence kept up between the two lodges. All expenses incurred in sending on these degrees, etc., will be paid by us. Yours, with respect,

(Signed)

PHILEMON STACY, *Secretary*.

"Approved: Wm. Bishop, M. N. G.

"P. S. You will please send the lectures and degrees on as soon as possible."

† *He deputed to convey, &c.*—Under the authority given at this meeting, G. M. Willey proceeded to Boston, where, on the 9th June, 1823, he instituted Massachusetts Lodge, No. 1, and on the 11th, the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. The Grand Officers installed, were as follows: P. G. Daniel Hersey, H. W. G. M.; P. G. Henry Holmson, R. W. D. G. M.; P. G. James B. Barnes, R. W. G. W.; P. G. William Bishop, R. W. G. S.; P. G. John Snowden, W. G. G.; P. G. James B. Eaton, W. G. C. P. G's James Eccle and Russel Watts were present at the institution.

QUARTERLY SESSION.

BALTIMORE, May 18th, for 22d, 1823.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment, and opened in regular form. Present:

THOMAS WILDEY,	M. W. G. Master.
THOMAS SCOTCHBURN,	R. W. D. G. Master, <i>p. t.</i>
THOMAS MITCHELL,	R. W. G. Warden.
JOHN P. ENTWISLE,	R. W. G. Secretary.
JOHN BOYD,	W. G. Guardian.
WILLIAM LARKAM,	W. G. Conductor, and

P. G.'s Seeds, Nelson, Anstice and McKormick.

The Grand Master announced, that in consequence of the 22d instant coming on Sunday, he had called the Grand Lodge together this day to transact the regular quarterly business.

P. G. Wm. Tonge presented his certificate of membership, was elected, and admitted.

P. G. Tonge then applied for the fourth (G. R.) degree, was elected, and instructed.

P. G. Williams presented his certificate of membership, with an apology for non-attendance, being taken sick.

The Charter for Massachusetts Lodge, No. 1, was signed by the Grand Officers and members, and *ordered* to be sealed and coloured.

A Grand Committee was called to meet on Wednesday evening next, at half past 8 o'clock, to finish a Charter for the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

G. Sec'y Entwisle offered the following, which was unanimously adopted:

"*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented to G. M. Wildey, for his assiduity and perseverance in the service of the Grand Lodge.

G. M. Wildey then responded in a very appropriate manner.

Report of the Grand Treasurer.

Balance in hands of G. Treasurer,	-	-	-	-	\$55 02
Cash rec'd from Washington Lodge, No. 1, dues,	-	-	-	-	5 75
" " Franklin " No. 2, "	-	-	-	-	7 06
" " P. G. Tonge,	-	-	-	-	1 00
Balance in hands of the G. Treasurer,	-	-	-	-	<u>\$68 83</u>

The Grand Lodge then adjourned in F. L. & T.

JOHN P. ENTWISLE, *Grand Secretary.*

MEETINGS OF THE GRAND COMMITTEE.

BALTIMORE, May 25th, 1823.

The Grand Committee met pursuant to call. Present:

THOMAS MITCHELL,	M. W. G. Master, <i>p. t.</i>
JOHN P. ENTWISLE,	R. W. G. Secretary.
JOHN BOYD,	W. G. Guardian, and

P. G.'s Anstice, Scotchburn, Nelson, Seeds and Tonge.

P. G. Williams having been previously recommended to membership, was then elected and admitted.

The members present signed the Charter for the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. There being no further business, the Grand Committee adjourned.

JOHN P. ENTWISLE, *Grand Secretary.*

BALTIMORE, June 15, 1823.

The Grand Committee met on the call of D. G. M. Welch, who presided.

Application was laid before the Committee from Columbia Lodge, No. 1,* of New-York, holding a dispensation from the Loyal Beneficent

* *Columbia Lodge, No. 1.*—This lodge was organized in 1822, on the plan of self-institution, with the approbation of lodges in its vicinity, which had been previously instituted on the same principle; of which there had been a numerous train in New York. The first of these leaving a trace behind, is the "Shakespeare Grand Lodge," a self-instituted body, which was organized on 23d December, 1816, at the old Shakespeare tavern, (No. 135 Fulton-street,) by Solomon Chambers, John C. Chambers, William E. Chambers, William Westphall, and William Twates. Of this number, John C. and William E. Chambers are the sole survivors, whose testimony of its early success is sustained by several persons who were in membership during the continuance of its meetings at that place; among whom privilege is allowed to use the names of William Dubois, No. 285 Broadway, James Chesterman, No. 710 Broadway, and John R. Thomas, No. 28 Marketfield street. For nearly six years the business and work of this lodge was conducted in the manner in which other lodges of the period managed such matters, and its location was frequently changed; first to the "Trafalgar House," Gold-street; then to the "Ring of Bells," Coffee House slip; and finally, to the house of Mr. Moore, corner of Cedar and Temple-streets, where it soon ceased from its labors. So faint was the impression made by the "Prince Regent's Lodge," said to have been instituted about 1816, that it is safe to say of it, if it really had birth, it expired in infancy. But the "Shakespeare Lodge" was not yet doomed; through the efforts of its late "Host," a resurrection took place at its former location. William Moore, Hopkins Robertson and Thomas Hilson were among the number of those engaged in its revival, and it enjoyed considerable prosperity for a season. The title page to the constitution of the lodge then adopted, and yet preserved, gives the date of this action and utterance to all its pretensions, viz.: "Constitution and By Laws of the Shakespeare Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows. Instituted December 23d, 1806. Revised December 23d, 1818. New York: Printed by G. Singleton. 1819." From which it will be perceived that at the time these laws were printed, no claim was made of connection with the Independent Order, which indeed had not declared itself independent of the Ancient and Union Order, until several years after the first institution of the "Shakespeare." The survivors claim for it a charter, said to have been received from a Grand Lodge in Manchester, with full Grand Lodge powers. But it is more probable that it was asserted under an ancient usage, by which the senior lodge, within certain bounds, through its Committee of Past Grand, exercised limited superintendence. Its constitution and by-laws do not sustain the pretension, as they are simply such as would be suitable for a working lodge. The lodge, however, was not destined to become permanent; its claim of Grand Lodge was not recognized; and about 1822 it dissolved, while vainly endeavouring to exercise superintending powers over its contemporaries, into the bosom of which it finally merged.

In the early part of 1821, a number of the members of "Shakespeare," among whom were Geo. P. Morris, George Singleton, James H. Beers, John P. Morenus, Manly B. Fowler, Robert C. Maywood, Oliver T. Ball, and others, united in the formation of a lodge, designed to be an improvement on the former one, and instituted itself as of the Independent Order, in violation of the fundamental regulations of that branch of the Order, which required the issue of a warrant from a competent body to authorize the institution. The title page of its constitution was thus expressed, i. e.—"Constitution and By Laws of Franklin Lodge, No. 2, of Independent Odd Fellows. Instituted January 27th, 1821. *De Fidem.* New York: Printed for the Lodge. 1821." This lodge at first located with the "Shakespeare," at the corner of Cedar and Temple-streets, but changed its place of meeting several times in its brief career of two years and a half; during a portion of which time, it had the most cheering success—numbering while meeting at No. 160 Nassau-street, over one hundred and fifty members. When G. M. Willey visited the Order in June of 1823, it had become very feeble, and was meeting in Grand near Eldridge street. During his stay it was effectually disbanded.

Another lodge was instituted on the same plan during the month of November, 1821, with the title of "Washington Lodge, No. 3," by James H. Beers, Adam C. Flanigan, George W. Bunce, George Somerby, James Matterman and others. It was located at No. 35 Bowery, and existed but a few months, very little more is known of it than that "it was and is not."

The unpromising condition to which these lodges successively were reduced, early in the following year incited a number of the members, among whom the names of James Simister and James Claridge can alone be distinguished, to make the experiment of a new lodge under a warrant from a competent authority. The lodge was at first established as "Columbia Lodge, No. 4," at the house of James Claridge, No. 49 Main street, Brooklyn, and as well as Nos. 2 and 3, received a species of dispensation from the Committee of Past Grand, which had assumed to act as a Grand Lodge. In the early part of 1823, a full and perfect dispensation was received by the lodge from the Duke of Sussex Lodge, No. 2, of Liverpool, (now standing in the general enumeration as No. 704, Manchester Unity,) in the following form:

Duke of Sussex Lodge, No. 2, Liverpool, and having five Past Grands, for a Dispensation for a Grand Lodge of the State of New-York. When, on motion, it was unanimously

Resolved, That a Charter be granted as prayed, and that the Grand Lodge be located in the City of New-York.

"This Dispensation, and these Presents, granted from the Loyal Beneficent Duke of Sussex Lodge, of Independent Odd Fellows, No. 2, of the Liverpool District, held at the house of brother James Whittaker, Regent Tavern, Scotland Place, in the town of Liverpool, in the County Palatine of Lancaster, in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, to five brothers of the said Independent Order of Odd Fellows, to enable them to open and establish a lodge under the title of the Columbia Lodge, No. —, to be held at the house of brother James Claridge, No. 49 Main street, Brooklyn, Long Island, New York, United States. This Dispensation, and these Presents, are not to be altered or amended without the consent of the officers and brothers of the Loyal Philanthropic Liverpool District Grand Lodge, No. 1, of Independent Odd Fellows, as well as of the officers and brothers of the above mentioned Loyal Beneficent Duke of Sussex Lodge, No. 2, of the Liverpool District, (the mother lodge of the Columbia.) It is hereby enjoined that the brothers of the Columbia Lodge meet at such times and on such conditions as are expressed in the by-laws of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and that they do upon oath see that this Dispensation and these Presents be not altered or destroyed; that they do not initiate a person into this our Order for a less sum than the laws (presented to them with this Dispensation by the said Beneficent Duke of Sussex Lodge,) express, so that the lodge and Order may be kept truly respectable; that they do not open any other lodge of this Order without the consent of the aforesaid Grand Lodge; and that they do appoint officers in the said lodge to execute these Presents. In consideration of the sum of two pounds and two shillings, to be remitted to the said Beneficent Duke of Sussex Lodge for this Dispensation. It is agreed that the officers and brothers of the Columbia Lodge shall not deviate from the principles of the Grand Lodge; and that should any dispute arise, so as to cause a matter in question in the said Columbia Lodge, which they cannot conveniently settle, they shall refer the same to a Committee of Past Grands to settle and do justice to the parties concerned in the said matter in question; and that the officers and brothers of the said Columbia Lodge shall comply with this Dispensation and these Presents, and observe and conform themselves strictly to the laws of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, according to the purport, principle, true intent and meaning thereof. It is also agreed that the brothers of the said Columbia Lodge, by and with the consent of the Liverpool District Grand Lodge, (hereby given,) shall elect, appoint and authorize, (from time to time,) fit and proper persons as officers, to put in execution and to enforce a due observance (as aforesaid) of the laws and regulations of the Independent Order; and should they (the brothers of the said) Columbia Lodge, hereafter wish to remove the lodge, they shall show sufficient cause for such removal. Lastly, it is agreed that if at any time hereafter it should happen that the said Columbia Lodge should be destroyed by fire or otherwise, the said Beneficent Duke of Sussex Lodge, or any other lodge of the Independent Order, shall relieve their distress, in case of necessity.

"Granted the fourteenth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-two, by the parties concerned in these Presents, who have hereunto subscribed their names and affixed the seal of the Liverpool District as witness.

[L S.] P. G. M. JOHN WILLIAMSON,
P. G. M. T. C. STANISTREET,
G. M. JAMES CLARKE,
P. G. M. WILL. RENSCHAW,
P. D. G. M. JOHN EVANS,
P. G. M. WILL'M SPENCER.

[L S.] N. G. JOHN DODGSON,
V. G. ROBERT BULMER,
S. JOHN ACKERS,
P. V. G. JOSEPH WILKINSON,
P. S. JOSEPH CONOLLEY,
C. S. GEO. BRADGATE.

[L S.] P. G. WILLIAM SMITH,
P. G. ISAAC WARBECK, pr. procurator of G. B.
P. G. WILL. SPENCER,
P. G. GEORGE BRADGATE,
P. G. WILL. RENSCHAW,
P. G. JOHN DAVIES.

This instrument was no sooner accepted and avowed, than a state of feeling ensued between the two remaining lodges, which entirely precluded amicable settlement. Columbia Lodge discarded self-institution, and very naturally asserted a superiority of position; while Franklin Lodge repudiated formal warrants, and especially that held by Columbia Lodge. Such was the state of feeling on the 4th of June, 1823, when G. M. Wildey presented himself at the door of the lodge, which had meanwhile changed its location from Brooklyn to No. 147 Grand street, New York. The proceedings that then took place are stated sufficiently at large in the address of the M. W. Grand Sire before the Grand Lodge of the United States at the session of 1823, to which the reader is referred, as to render it unnecessary to give them in this note.

It is proper, however, to make record of another lodge having instituted itself under the title of "Friendship Lodge of Independent Odd Fellows," at Pleasant Valley, Dutchess county, New York, prior to the time at which we have arrived. This was the first lodge to unite with "Columbia," under the Grand Lodge of New York, and in the new made registry rated as "No. 2," but has been extinct for twelve or fourteen years past.

The correspondence which took place during the pendency of the application is important, as showing how perfectly one portion of the Order was destitute of all knowledge of the condition of the rest. The minutes of Columbia Lodge, of June 5th, 1823, at an extra meeting, held the day after the arrangement was concluded with G. M. Wildey, furnish the following proceedings:

"On motion, made and seconded, that the books of this lodge be closed and sealed, and the seals not broke except for a reference.

"On motion, made and seconded, that a committee be appointed to draw up a letter to the Grand Lodge of Maryland and United States, to-morrow morning, at eight o'clock. Committee—Broas, Watts, (chairman,) Barton, Robinson and Ball, (secretary.)"

When, at the time appointed, the following letter was sent, viz:

An application was then presented from Wm. Mathews, N. G., and other officers and members of Pennsylvania Lodge,* for a Charter for said lodge. When, on motion, it was unanimously

"New York, June 6th, 1823.

"To the Grand Lodge of the State of Maryland, etc. etc.

—Honored Brethren—Having been visited by G. M. Willey, on his tour to Boston, he was polite enough to inform us of the method of forming a Grand Lodge of the State. Whereupon we make application to you, by G. M. Willey's recommendation, for a dispensation for a Grand Lodge, so that he will have it in his power to install our officers on his return from Boston. Your immediate compliance with this will give us a great deal of pleasure.

—We remain in the bonds of F. L. and T.

R. WATTS, M. N. G."

To which the following reply was made:

"Baltimore, June 9th, 1823.

"Dear Brother—Your esteemed letter of 6th inst. is received this morning, and I have lost no time in taking up the sense of a majority of the Grand Lodge, not indeed in formal committee, but meeting to give a degree with several, and visiting others, the opinion being unanimous, we must wait another communication from you before we can proceed further. In the first place, the rule of Odd Fellowship has been, from time immemorial, that there must be an application from five brothers for a dispensation for a lodge, and a grand charter can be given to five Past Grands. 2d. In the application signed by the W. N. G. Watts, there is no authority by the lodge he belongs to, and there is no mention made of the name of the lodge. As we have heard of the Shakespeare, No. 1, Franklin, No. 2, and Washington, No. 3, it is impossible we should know to which to grant the dispensation. The first sublimation which takes a charter will be denominated No. 1, but the grand charter will extend equally to the privilege of the Past Grands of the lodges now formed, or the numerous and respectable lodges which we sincerely hope you will in future form.

"JOHN P. ENTWISLE, Grand Secretary."

To this succeeded the application referred to in the journal, viz:

"New York, June 12th, 1823.

"Worthy and Respected Brethren—Your esteemed favor of the 9th inst. we received this morning, and lost no time in getting a committee together, and agreed immediately to make application in a proper manner, which we should have done before, had we not have been given to understand by G. M. Willey, that he would do the same, we having made a personal application to him, [on the 4th instant.]

"To the Grand Lodge of Maryland and of the United States—We, the undersigned, for and in behalf of Columbia Lodge, No. 1, of I. O. F., held at brother Lovett's, 117 Grand-street, having received a legal dispensation from the Loyal Beneficent Duke of Sussex Lodge, No. 2, Liverpool, for the subordinate lodge, do further petition for a dispensation from your lodge to form a Grand Lodge of the State of New York. We trust you will forward us the necessary documents early as possible, as G. M. Willey intends installing our officers, on his return from Boston. Wishing the Grand Lodge of Maryland and of the United States every prosperity, we remain yours in the bonds of F. L. and T.

"P. G. JNO. B. ROBINSON,

"P. G. JAMES SIMISTER,

"P. G. JAMES CLARIDGE,

"P. G. JOHN GRANT,

"P. G. R. WATTS.

M. N. G. THOS. TURNBULL,

V. G. JOH. BARTON,

Sec. T. BALL.

"N. B. Since writing our last letter, a fresh quarter has commenced for officers."

The charter for the Grand Lodge was duly received, and on the 24th June, 1823, G. M. Willey instituted that body and installed the Grand Officers, as follows: John B. Robinson, M. W. G. M.; James Simister, R. W. D. G. M.; John Grant, G. W.; James Claridge, G. S. P. G.'s Russell Watts and Benjamin Downing, by the books, appear to have been present at the opening.

"*Pennsylvania Lodge*—This lodge instituted itself on the 26th December, 1821. P. G. John B. Robinson, of Franklin Lodge, New York, being in the city of Philadelphia, on business, invited an organization through the public papers, which took place accordingly at the house of John Upton, at No. 66 Dock-street. The following brothers constituted the lodge at its institution, i. e. John Pearce, N. G.; James Day, V. G.; John B. Robinson, Sec'y; John Upton, Treas'r; ——— Croucher, Guar. The first member admitted was brother Thomas Hepworth, who immediately after entered into the office of Secretary, in place of brother Robinson. The prosperity of the lodge was very great, and in a short time was removed to Broad-street, and thence to the corner of Chestnut and Seventh-streets, when it had increased to over two hundred members. It was not alone in the prosperity of numbers at home to which the discerning brothers constituting this afterward important branch of the Order, directed attention; rational and just organization was to them an object worthy of enlarged effort. The earliest domestic correspondent of the Grand Lodge of Maryland and United States, recognized on the journal, in this lodge, while asserting its equality. For a season it preferred such existence as self-maintenance would render to the vitality of a chartered body, rather than submit to the authority of a Grand Lodge over which it could not reasonably expect to exercise an influence equal to its merits. Under such views, it had already made application to "Columbia Lodge" in New York, for a dispensation, with the design ultimately of uniting with that and other lodges in organizing a General Grand Lodge on equal principles. It was during the pendency of this application in New York, that G. M. Willey appeared at the lodge, offering from the Grand Lodge such terms for a general union as he was specially concurrence. The following, which is addressed to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, is the official application of the lodge.

"Philadelphia, June 6th, 1823.

"Respected Brother—We have the pleasure to inform you G. M. Willey arrived in Philadelphia on Sunday, in good health. We assembled a few brothers by two o'clock; the information we received from our worthy brother was pleasant and instructive. This lodge had come to a determination to take a dispensation, charter and degrees; and we hearing that a lodge in New York, resolved to take a charter from England, we had applied for one from them before the arrival of brother Willey.

Resolved, That the Charter be granted as prayed, and the lodge rated as No. 1, of Pennsylvania.

Resolved, That a Charter be granted to the Past Grands of Pennsylvania Lodge, No. 1, when duly installed as a Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, to be located at Philadelphia.

Ordered, That the Charters be prepared immediately, and forwarded to New-York, to the address of G. M. Wildey.

The Grand Committee then adjourned.

JOHN P. ENTWISLE, *Grand Secretary*.

BALTIMORE, July 20, 1823.

The Grand Committee met pursuant to a call. THOMAS WILDEY, M. W. G. Master, presiding.

D. G. M. Welch and P. G. Seeds were each fined 50 cents.

A Dispensation* was *ordered*, and signed for the Columbia Lodge, No. 1, in New-York.

A letter was submitted for Boston, and ordered to be sent.

The Grand Committee then adjourned.

JOHN P. ENTWISLE, *Grand Secretary*.

QUARTERLY SESSION.

BALTIMORE, August 22, 1823.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment, and opened in regular form. Present:

THOMAS WILDEY,
THOMAS MITCHELL,
THOMAS SCOTCHBURN,
JOHN BOYD,

M. W. G. Master.
R. W. G. Warden,
R. W. G. Secretary, *p. t.*
W. G. Cuardian, and

P. G.'s Nelson, McKormick, and Anstice.

"Brother Wildey has wrote us from New York, which we received this morning. His letter gives us such information as to enable us to apply to the Grand Lodge of Maryland and the United States for a charter, etc.; and he says he will on his return prepare us with other documents. Wishing you every blessing this world can afford, we remain in the bonds of F. L. and T."

"WM. MATHEWS, N. G.
"JNO. STURGIS, V. G.
"THOS. HEPWORTH, P. G.
"AARON NICHOLS, P. G.
"NATHL. LONGMIRE, Secy.

"P. G. ENTWISLE, Esq."

This application was responded to, by not only granting the charter as prayed, but also a grand charter for a Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was voluntarily proffered. G. M. Wildey, on his return from Massachusetts and New York, presented the charter to "Pennsylvania Lodge, No. 1," and instituted the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on the 27th of June, installing the Grand Officers, as follows: viz: Aaron Nichols, M. W. G. M.; Thomas Small, R. W. D. G. M.; Benjamin Richardson, R. W. G. W.; Benjamin Daffin, R. W. G. S.; Joseph Richardson, R. W. G. T.

A discrepancy exists between the records of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and the facts set forth in this note, relative to the date of institution. It is claimed to have occurred on the 13th of June. By reference to the several notes on "Columbia Lodge" and "Massachusetts Lodge," it will be seen that G. M. Wildey instituted the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts on 11th June, and that of New York on 24th June, which, with the fact of the documents for opening it not having been forwarded to his address at New York until the 18th, precludes the possibility of the institution of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania until after the 24th of June. The charter, which was subsequently surrendered up, and a new one taken, was possibly dated on the 13th—from which, doubtless, has arisen the difference.

* A Dispensation.—This dispensation was granted to perfect the arrangement entered into between the Grand Master and Columbia Lodge, on the 4th June, from which time the charter bears date, by which the lodge was to surrender up to the Grand Lodge of Maryland and United States, the dispensation received from England.

Amount brought forward, - - - - -	\$136 58
Cash rec'd from G. M. Wildey, Charter fee for Pennsylvania Lodge, No. 1, - - - - -	30 00
	<hr/> \$166 58
G. Treasurer, Cr. By Cash paid G. M. Wildey, - -	\$2 81
“ “ “ G. M. Wildey, as voted, 50 00	
	<hr/> \$52 81
Balance in G. Treasurer's hands, - - - - -	\$113 77
The Grand Lodge then closed in F. L. & T.	
JOHN P. ENTWISLE, <i>Grand Secretary.</i>	

QUARTERLY SESSION.

BALTIMORE, November 22, 1823.

The R. W. Grand Lodge convened, pursuant to adjournment, and opened in regular form. Present:

THOMAS WILDEY,	M. W. G. Master.
JOHN WELCH,	R. W. D. G. Master.
JOHN P. ENTWISLE,	R. W. G. Secretary.
MAURICE FENNELL,	R. W. A. G. Secretary.
JOHN BOYD,	W. G. Guardian, and

P. G.'s Seeds, McKormick, Nelson, Scotchburn and Common.

The proceedings of the previous Quarterly Sessions and Grand Committee Meetings, were read and approved.

G. W. Mitchell and P. G. Williams sent their apology for non-attendance, which was accepted.

P. G. Bannister, of No. 2, presented his certificate of membership, was balloted for, and admitted.

P. G. Bannister then applied for the fourth (G. R.) degree, was elected and instructed.

G. Con. Anstice returned his apron to the Grand Lodge, having removed to Philadelphia, and withdrawn his card from Washington Lodge, No. 1, and honorably departed this city.

When, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the amount due from P. G. Anstice, for apron, was cancelled by the return of the same.

P. G. Common was then appointed G. Con. in place of P. G. Anstice.

The note of Bro. Roach, in the hands of the G. Treasurer, was paid.

Bro. Roach presented an additional bill of \$3 86; also, G. M. Wildey, bill of \$63 50, and G. Sec'y Entwisle, for \$2 87, which were approved.

On motion, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That the election to the fourth (G. R.) degree, shall be by ballot.

An application was made for a charter for a lodge, to be called Columbia Lodge, No. 3, and located in Baltimore, which was referred to a committee. The committee reported favorable to the application.

A second letter was then read from Bro. Winn, Secretary of the applicants.

After some discussion as to the night of meeting, the Grand Lodge unanimously agreed to the request of the petitioners, and notice thereof was ordered to be sent them.

P. G. Bannister then applied for the degree of the Remembrance, when it was

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to instruct the P. G. in the same, in the Grand Lodge Room.

The committee appointed to revise the Articles of the Constitution, and to provide for a separation of the Grand Lodge of Maryland and of the United States, submitted a report, which was considered, and after various amendments had been made, the Articles were adopted.

On motion—

Resolved, That G. Sec'y Entwisle and Assistant G. Sec'y Fennell, be a committee to attend to the printing of the Articles of the Constitution.

G. M. Wildey, A. G. Sec'y Fennell, and P. G. Common, were appointed a committee on Entwisle's medal.

On motion, the following was adopted :

Resolved, That letters be forwarded to Boston, New-York, and Philadelphia, requesting the Grand Lodges to send Delegates, or appoint Proxies, to attend a Grand Committee Meeting, for the purpose of making arrangements for forming a Grand Lodge of the United States.

Report of the Grand Treasurer.

Balance in hands of G. Treasurer,	-	-	-	-	\$113 77
Cash rec'd from Washington Lodge, No. 1, dues,	-	-	-	-	10 50
" " Franklin Lodge, No. 2, dues,	-	-	-	-	15 50
" " P. G. Common,	-	-	-	-	6 00
" " P. G. Bannister,	-	-	-	-	1 00
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					\$146 77
G. Treas. Cr. By Cash paid G. M. Wildey,	-	-	-	-	\$63 50
" " " " Brother Roach, on ac-	-	-	-	-	
" " count,	-	-	-	-	65 00
" " " " G. Sec'y Entwisle,	-	-	-	-	2 87
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					\$131 37
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Balance in the G. Treasurer's hands,	-	-	-	-	\$15 40
Balance due Bro. Roach,					\$24 42.

The Grand Lodge then closed in F. L. & T.

JOHN P. ENTWISLE, *Grand Secretary.*

MEETING OF THE GRAND COMMITTEE.

BALTIMORE, December 7, 1823.

The Grand Committee met pursuant to a call, and opened in regular form. Present :

THOMAS WILDEY,	M. W. G. Master,
JOHN WELCH,	R. W. D. G. Master.
THOMAS MITCHELL,	R. W. G. Warden.
JOHN P. ENTWISLE,	R. W. G. Secretary.
JOHN BOYD,	W. G. Guardian.
CHARLES COMMON,	W. G. Conductor, and

P. G's M'Kormick, Nelson, and Scotchburn.

On motion, the following were adopted :

Ordered, That the brothers that have taken the third degree, be admitted to the Grand Lodge at the next Quarterly Session, by giving the S's of the first, second, and third degrees, at entrance.

Ordered, That the Grand Lodge open Columbia Lodge, No. 3, and do proceed to make those proposed,* if found worthy; after which, the officers are to be elected and installed, and they to appoint their subordinate officers.

Ordered, That the Ode heretofore sung at the installation of the officers, be so far dispensed with, as to the tune, and the same be read only: this to be recommended to the subordinate lodges.

Ordered, That a letter be written in answer to the one received from Boston.

P. G. Bannister was then instructed in the degree of Remembrance.

P. G. Bannister, Dr. to the Grand Lodge, for the Degree, \$0 75
and for an Apron, 4 00

—\$4 75

The Grand Committee then adjourned.

JOHN P. ENTWISLE, *Grand Secretary*.

ANNUAL SESSION

Of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Maryland and of the United States.

BALTIMORE, February 22, 1824.

The R. W. Grand Lodge convened this day, at 2 o'clock, P. M., being the Annual Session, and opened in regular form. Present:

THOMAS WILDEY,	M. W. G. Master.
JOHN WELCH,	R. W. D. G. Master.
THOMAS MITCHELL,	R. W. G. Warden.
JOHN P. ENTWISLE,	R. W. G. Secretary.
MAURICE FENNELL,	R. W. A. G. Secretary.
JOHN BOYD,	W. G. Guardian.
CHARLES COMMON,	W. G. Conductor, and

P. G's Scotchburn, Nelson, McKormick, Seeds, Bannister, and Williams.

* *To make those proposed*.—This was the first opening of a new lodge under the Grand Lodge. And it will be perceived that provision was made for the Grand Officers to perform the work of initiation previous to putting the officers of the lodge into their chairs—an example, which if followed at the present day, would do much toward preserving uniformity in the work.

† *A Letter*.—The letter prepared by G. S. Entwisle, and thus sanctioned, contains sound doctrine in plain terms on the duties and privileges of officers and members, and might not be entirely lost on the Order at the present day, which the following extract will exemplify:

"As individuals of one great body, we ought to be careful who we elect to offices which give weight and consequence to the incumbents; but when so elected, we ought to pay due respect both to the office and the officer, and we should reasonably expect that brothers who thus pass the post of honor, and are admitted members of a Grand Lodge, are worthy of trust and confidence in the Order; and that, as a body, their judgment ought to be respected by those who are not so far advanced, and who cannot therefore be presumed to have the same experience.

"The prerogative of the Grand Master is of the greatest consequence. Inasmuch as he is at the head of the Order, and has the most ample opportunity for obtaining an extensive and general knowledge of the existing state of affairs, as well as acquaintanceship with the long established rules of the Order, and being required on many occasions to act on matters of momentary and instant importance, he is necessarily clothed with considerable discretionary powers. But for an undue or imprudent exercise of which, he certainly would be answerable in the same manner with other members. For although he be the Grand Master, he is still an Odd Fellow, and must act with an undeviating reference to the fundamental principles of the Order. But it is not fitting that the brother who has advanced to this honorable station should be reflected on in his official capacity by persons of limited acquirements, perhaps under the influence of prejudice. And his conduct as *Grand Master* can only be brought in question before the Grand Lodge. With respect to his *right* to visit or attend subordinate lodges, and their special or general meetings or committees, it is certain and inalienable. And not only so, but it is his duty by personal attendance, or by representation through his Deputy, to attend on all extraordinary occasions, where practicable, when it is to the interest of the Order that he should be acquainted with the proceedings of any lodge under his care. And it is desirable that lodges individually benefit by his counsel and advice. Nevertheless, he can have no vote except in the lodge of which he is an active member."

The proceedings of the previous Grand Committee Meetings were read and approved.

P. G's Roach and Harris presented their certificates of membership, who were elected and admitted.

P. G's Williams, Roach, and Harris, then applied for the fourth (G. R.) degree, who were elected and instructed.

G. M. Wildey presented his bill for sundry expenses, amounting to \$5 38 and; G. Con. Common, 81 cents, for serving notices, which were approved.

It having been proposed to separate the powers of this Grand Lodge, so that the Grand Lodge of the United States might be composed of the Representatives and Proxies of the several Grand Bodies, and the Grand Lodge of Maryland to exercise jurisdiction over Maryland alone, the same having been submitted to the Grand Lodges—

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge proceed to an election by ticket, for a member to represent the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

On counting the ballots, it appeared that G. Sec'y Entwisle was elected by a majority.

The Grand Master announced that Proxies had been appointed to organize a separate Grand Lodge of the United States, viz : Massachusetts, G. M. Wildey ; New-York, P. G. Scotchburn ; and Pennsylvania, G. Guar. Boyd.

The Grand Master stated that in consequence of holding the office of Grand Master of the United States, he would decline serving, and would delegate A. G. Sec'y Fennell to act in his place.

On motion, the Grand Lodge took a recess, to afford an opportunity for the Grand Committee to meet and proceed to make arrangements for the organization of a separate Grand Lodge of the United States.

JOHN P. ENTWISLE, *Grand Secretary*.

MEETING OF THE GRAND COMMITTEE

For organizing the Grand Lodge of the United States.

The Representatives and Proxies of the several Grand Lodges assembled in Grand Committee. Present :

G Sec'y JOHN P. ENTWISLE,	Rep. of Maryland.
A G. Sec'y MAURICE FENNELL,	Rep. of Massachusetts.
P G THOMAS SCOTCHBURN,	Rep. of New-York.
G Guar. JOHN BOYD,	Rep. of Pennsylvania.

And organized by inviting M. W. Grand Master THOMAS WILDEY to preside.

On taking the Chair, G. M. Wildey delivered a very appropriate address.

On motion, it was unanimously—

Resolved, as the opinion of the Representatives assembled, That it is essentially necessary to the success of a Grand Lodge, that it should be established on the most un-

doubted basis; and to which end it is advisable to obtain from the Grand Lodge of Maryland and of the United States, the charter under which the said Grand Lodge now operates.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Maryland and of the United States be invited to convey the charter obtained from England, to the Grand Lodge of the United States, in a separate and distinct capacity, for the exclusive use of that body.

Resolved, That the Representatives of each Grand Lodge be directed to communicate with their constituents, on the propriety of obtaining the original charter as provided for in the foregoing resolutions; and that the Grand Master call the Representatives together within the shortest possible time, for the purpose of ascertaining the views of the several Grand Lodges.

On motion, the Grand Committee then adjourned.

JOHN P. ENTWISLE, (Rep. of Maryland) *Secretary*.

The Grand Lodge of Maryland and of the United States then resumed.

Letters were then received from the Grand Lodge of New-York, transmitting a list of suspended members; and also one from England, announcing an alteration in the S's, &c. When, on motion of G. Sec'y Entwisle, it was

Ordered, That a letter be sent in reply, expressing our disapprobation of such alterations, and requiring further information relative thereto.

On motion, a committee was appointed to prepare letters for the Grand Lodges, and to England; and to have twelve copies printed.

Committee—D. G. M. Welch, G. Sec'y Entwisle, G. Con. Common, and A. G. Sec'y Fennell.

P. G. Bannister gave his note, payable at 30 days, for \$4 75.

On motion, the following were adopted:

Ordered, That a recommendation be sent to the subordinate lodges in Maryland, to have but one general Anniversary, and that the time be on the 26th of April.

Ordered, That the meetings of the Grand Lodge in future be held on the days appointed, unless it should fall on Sunday, then to be postponed to a more convenient time.

Resolved, That a T. P. W. be adopted for the protection of the Order in the United States.

When a T. P. W. for the current year was selected.

Ordered, That in future, the Grand Lodge, on any time of visitors being admitted, shall enter on the state business first, and then proceed to the business of the United States.

Ordered, That the lodges be informed that the past elective officers can receive their respective P. W's, at the time of the quarterly meeting to settle accounts.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge will visit each of the subordinate lodges in the course of the three ensuing quarters, of which due notice will be given by the Grand Master, commencing with No. 1.

Report of the Grand Treasurer.

Balance in hands of G. Treasurer,	-	-	-	-	\$15 40
Cash rec'd from Washington Lodge, No. 1, dues,	-	-	-	-	7 00
" " " Franklin Lodge, No. 2, dues,	-	-	-	-	10 00
" " " " " 2, arrears,	-	-	-	-	10 00
" " " P. G's Roach, Harris and Williams,	-	-	-	-	3 00
Note from P. G. Bannister,	-	-	-	-	4 75
Amount carried forward,	-	-	-	-	\$50 15

Amount brought forward,	- - - - -	\$50 15
G Treas. Cr. By Cash paid G. M. Wildey's bill,	- - - - -	\$5 38
" " " G. Sec'y Entwisle,	- - - - -	0 75
" " " G. Con. Common,	- - - - -	0 81
" " " P. G. Roach,	- - - - -	24 42
		<hr/> \$31 36

Balance in G. Treasurer's hands, - - - - - \$18 79

The Grand Lodge then closed.

JOHN P. ENTWISLE, *Grand Secretary.*

Annual Report of Grand and Subordinate Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of Maryland and of the United States, commencing February, 1823, and ending February, 1824.

LODGES.	Where held.	No. of Lodges.	Revenue.	Time of Meeting.
G. L. of Massachusetts.	Boston.	1	No Report.	
" New-York.	New-York.	1	No Report.	
" Pennsylvania.	Philadelphia.	1	No Report.	
Washington L., No. 1.	Baltimore.		\$322 50	Monday.
Franklin " No. 2.	"		520 60	Thursday.
Columbia " No. 3.	"		No Report.	Wednesday.

EXTRAORDINARY MEETINGS OF THE GRAND COMMITTEE.

BALTIMORE, March 16th, 1824.

The Grand Committee met pursuant to a call of the Grand Master, and opened in regular form. Present:

THOMAS WILDEY,	M. W. G. Master.
JOHN P. ENTWISLE,	R. W. G. Secretary.
MAURICE FENNELL,	R. W. A. G. Secretary.
JOHN BOYD,	W. G. Guardian.
CHARLES COMMON,	W. G. Conductor, and

P. G's Nelson, Scotchburn and Roach.

The Grand Master then presented letters from the Grand Lodges of Massachusetts, New York and Pennsylvania, which were referred to a committee to answer the same, and the books ordered by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, were directed to be sent. Also, a letter from P. G's Ford and Hussey members of the Grand Lodge of New York, which was likewise referred to the committee having charge of those from the several Grand Lodges, with directions to incorporate such observations as may arise on the subject of the letters of the Past Grands.

On motion, the following was

Resolved. That the communication printed in the Boston Newspapers be copied in all copies of the Newspapers in this City.

Resolved. That the ninth night of the sitting of the N. G. of Washington Lodge, No. 1, be accounted for the visitation of the Grand Lodge, and that the lodge be acquainted with the same.

The Grand Committee then adjourned in F. L. & T.

JOHN P. ENTWISLE, *Grand Secretary.*

BALTIMORE, April 15th, 1824.

The Grand Committee met pursuant to a call of the Grand Master, and opened in regular form. Present:

THOMAS WILDEY,
JOHN WELCH,
JOHN P. ENTWISLE,
JOHN BOYD,
CHARLES COMMON,

M. W. G. Master
R. W. D. G. Master.
R. W. G. Secretary.
W. G. Guardian.
W. G. Conductor, and

P. G's Nelson and McKormick.

The Grand Master stated that the call was made for the purpose of considering a communication from G. Sec'y Entwisle, Rep. of Maryland, in Grand Committee, for the purpose of organizing the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Whereupon, G. Sec'y Entwisle, Rep. of Maryland, submitted the proceedings of the Grand Committee for the purpose of organizing the Grand Lodge of the United States, passed February 22d, 1824, as having been approved of by the several Grand Lodges.

After due deliberation, the whole subject was referred to a committee, to report this evening.

Committee—G. M. Wildey, D. G. M. Welch and G. Sec'y Entwisle.

The committee then submitted a report, and the following preamble and resolutions. Which were unanimously adopted.

Whereas, It is expedient in sound policy, that the Grand Lodges of the Order of I. O. F. in the United States, should hold a close adherence and a regular correspondence with each other; and it is imperative in strict justice to render the several Grand Lodges in the Union, independent of each other, and equally represented in the Grand Lodge of the United States, either by Representatives or Proxies; and that it is inexpedient as well as invidious, that the Grand Lodge of Maryland and the Grand Lodge of the United States should act under the same charter, and be presided over by the same Grand Master, whereby the office of Grand Master would be confined to the State of Maryland, to the preference of one state and possibly to the injury of the whole. Therefore be it Resolved,

1st. That we highly approve of the City of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, as the permanent seat of the Grand Lodge of the United States, being central in situation as well as senior in Order.

2d. That we hail with grateful remembrance the day when the Grand Charter was vested in the Past Grands, the death blow of scism and dissention, and the epoch of prosperity in the Order.

3d. That the Grand Charter of Maryland and of the United States be vested in the Past Grands of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and that Maryland shall receive a Grand Charter from the same, and thereupon resign all claim or title to or from it, other than common with the other Grand Lodges; which said Grand Charter shall have and contain in the engrossing thereof, a clause representing the said investment and condition; and further, that the Grand Lodge of Maryland and of the United States doth give the said charter on condition that they keep the Grand Lodge of the United States in Maryland.

4th. That the Grand Master and the Proxies of the several Grand Lodges, proceed forthwith, and are required to complete the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and have the same brought forward for consideration and adoption on or before the second Quarterly Meeting of the Grand Lodge, the 22d of August.

5th. That when passed, a correct copy of the Constitution be forwarded to each Grand Lodge, within one month after the aforesaid time, in order that the necessary information may be received thereon, previous to the next Annual Meeting.

The Grand Committee then closed in F. L. & T.

JOHN P. ENTWISLE, *Grand Secretary.*

QUARTERLY SESSION.

BALTIMORE, May 22d, 1824.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment, and opened in regular form. Present.

THOMAS WILDEY,	M. W. G. Master.
JOHN WELCH,	R. W. D. G. Master.
MAURICE FENNELL,	R. W. A. G. Secretary.
JOHN BOYD,	W. G. Guardian.
CHARLES COMMON,	W. G. Conductor, and

P. G. Roach, Harris, Scotchburn, Nelson and Williams.

The proceedings of the several Grand Committee Meetings were read and approved.

G. W. Mitchell and G. Sec'y Entwisle, were each fined 50 cents.

On motion of G. Guar. Boyd, the following was adopted.

Resolved, That a communication be sent to the Franklin Lodge, No. 2, and Columbia Lodge, No. 3, sanctioning the resolution adopted by Washington Lodge, No. 1, viz. "That the members of the same meet once a fortnight in lieu of once a week," and recommend the same to the said lodges, it having in their opinion, no bearing on the general laws, and viewing it as a general good.

The proceedings of the Grand Lodge, with respect to the correspondence with the different lodges in the United States, as well as those in England, were rehearsed, and several subjects of interest to the Order, discussed.

Report of the Grand Treasurer.

Balance in hands of the G. Treasurer,	- - -	\$ 18 79
Cash received from Washington Lodge, No. 1, dues	-	8 00
" " " Franklin " " 2, "	-	8 00
" " " Columbia " " 3, "	-	5 00
		<hr/> \$ 39 79

G. Treasurer, Cr.

By Cash paid G. M. Wildey,	- - -	\$ 1 38
" " A. G. Sec'y Fennell, P. G. Williams and		
Br Brice, for writing,	- - -	10 50
" " P. G. Roach, bill for Stationary,	-	2 87
" " G. Con. Common,	- - -	81
" " Postage,	- - -	69
		<hr/> \$ 16 25

Balance in G. Treasurer's hands,	- - -	23 54
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We the undersigned, do hereby testify that the foregoing accounts and proceedings of the Grand Lodge are all just and correct, although the particular items of some of the accounts are not stated they were regularly paid for on their respective dates, and all the dues were paid the just dues according to the Constitution and By-Laws.

THOMAS WILDEY,	M. W. G. M.	PAST GRANDS.
JOHN WELCH,	R. W. D. G. M.	JOHN NELSON.
THOMAS MITCHELL,	R. W. G. W.	THOMAS SCOTCHBURN.
JOHN ENTWISLE,	R. W. G. SEC'Y.	JOHN ROACH.
MAURICE FENNELL,	R. W. A. G. SEC'Y.	HENRY HARRIS.
JOHN BOYD,	W. G. GUAR.	WILLIAM WILLIAMS.
CHARLES COMMON,	W. G. CON.	

The Grand Lodge then closed, in F. I. & T.

MAURICE FENNELL, A. G. Secretary.

MEETING OF THE GRAND COMMITTEE.

BALTIMORE, July 6th, 1824.

The Grand Committee met pursuant to a call of the Grand Master, and opened in regular form. Present:

THOMAS WILDEY,	M. W. G. Master.
THOMAS SCOTCHBURN,	R. W. D. G. Master. <i>p. t.</i>
MAURICE FENNELL,	R. W. A. G. Secretary.
JOHN BOYD,	W. G. Guardian.
CHARLES COMMON,	W. G. Conductor, and

P. G's Nelson, McKormick, Williams and Roach.

D. G. M. Welch, G. W. Mitchell, and P. G's Roach, Seeds and Harris, were each fined 50 cents.

The Grand Master stated the object of the meeting was to take some action relative to the death of the late Grand Secretary,* JOHN P. ENTWISLE.

On motion, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the sum of fifteen dollars be and is hereby appropriated to the widow of our deceased G. Secretary, John P. Entwisle, being the amount intended to purchase the Medal voted him by the Grand Lodge, for his services rendered to the Order in general.

The proceedings of the committee of Franklin Lodge, No. 2, respecting the funeral of our late deceased Grand Secretary, were presented, and approved. When, on motion, it was

Resolved, That a committee of three viz: one from each lodge, be appointed to draw up a communication to be sent to the subordinate lodges, approving of the proceedings of the committee of Franklin Lodge, No. 2, and advising the members of the different lodges for the future, not to be too hasty in expressing their opinions before giving the subject in question due consideration.

The Grand Committee then closed.

MAURICE FENNELL, A. G. Secretary.

* *The Late Grand Secretary.*—In the demise of this faithful and efficient officer, the Order suffered the severest blow it had then experienced. True, detraction had ere this period labored to undermine its usefulness, and open hostility had not hesitated to attack in the most daring manner, its reputation; but in John Paxon Entwisle, it had had a capable defender, a wise counsellor and an untiring servant. For a number of years, every energy of his active mind was unceasingly engrossed in the advancement of the interests of Odd Fellowship. Previous to the establishment of the Grand Lodge of Maryland and United States, he had prepared and submitted to the Order those two beautiful degrees of the Covenant and Remembrance; and after the first year, entered upon the duties of Grand Secretary, an office he was more eminently fitted to fill than any of his compeers. During the last few months of his life, he had been incessantly engaged in arranging the terms and form of a separate Grand Lodge of the United States, which appears from his letters to have been a favorite measure. The preliminaries had been agreed on, and the work itself was nearly done, when he was summoned from his labors. The truth and feeling exhibited in the subjoined extract from an address delivered by brother Entwisle, on the preceding anniversary, will plead our apology for its insertion in this place:

"There is before us a fruitful theme for consideration and congratulation. We may turn our mind's eye to the commencement of our operations in this city, and remember with deep interest the small beginning, the steady increase, and present prosperous state of our Order. Unappalled by the brazen front of opposition from without, and carefully guiding and supporting the weak of our community, we have steadily marched on, and our difficulties have gradually disappeared as the shadows of night before the rising sun. Six years have this day passed into the depths of eternity since first the banner of Odd Fellowship was unfurled in this city; since then, many have been the pleasing scenes of joy attending our social meetings, and our reciprocation of friendly offices; many the opportunities of enjoying the bursts of feeling, on witnessing the prosperity of brothers; though sometimes we have had to experience the throb of sorrow, when affection was deprived of the object of its delight—when husband and wife have been left solitary—children have become orphans, and society has lost its brightest ornaments."

"Our Order was formed for purposes of benevolence and friendship, and while we proudly contemplate the illustrious characters of those who have gone before us, let us endeavour to acquire an experimental knowledge of the pure principles inculcated by our institution. It is our privilege and interest, as it should be our pride and delight, to emulate the virtues and acquisitions of the one, and to prove an ornament to the other. Thus should we pass through all the vicissitudes of life, leaving behind us a luminous track calculated to redound to our honor, and be worthy of the emulation of posterity."

QUARTERLY SESSION.

BALTIMORE, August 23d, 1824.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment, and opened in regular form. Present:

THOMAS WILDEY,	M. W. G. Master.
THOMAS SCOTCHBURN,	R. W. D. G. Master, <i>p. t.</i>
MAURICE FENNELL,	R. W. A. G. Secretary.
JOHN BOYD,	W. G. Guardian.
CHARLES COMMON,	W. G. Conductor, and

P. G's Roach, Harris, Williams and Nelson.

G. W. Mitchell and P. G. Seeds sent written apologies for non-attendance, which were accepted. P. G. McKormick was confined through severe indisposition.

D. G. M. Welch was fined 50 cents.

The reading of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, recorded from the commencement up to the present time, was deferred until the next Quarterly Session.

The proceedings of the Grand Committee, held July 6th, 1824, were then read and approved.

P. G's Gill, of No. 2, and Bickley, of No. 3, presented their certificates of membership, were elected and admitted.

P. G's Gill and Bickley then applied for the fourth (G. R.) degree, and were elected and duly instructed.

A letter was received from the N. G. of Pennsylvania Lodge, No. 1, concerning Bro. Whitehead leaving Baltimore without his card, which was discussed, and the action of the lodge, in their strict adherence to the tenor of the law, approved.

A letter was presented from a number of members at Easton, formerly of the different lodges in this place, praying the intercession of the Grand Lodge in establishing a lodge at that place.

The answer to the same prepared by the Grand Secretary, was approved, and with the letter a copy was filed.

A letter was received from the Grand Lodge of New York, highly approving of the circular, as also G. M. Wildey's address, together with that of the late Grand Secretary, John P. Entwisle, and stating the prosperous condition of the Order in that state.

The Grand Master announced, that it was the intention of the Grand Officers to visit Franklin Lodge, No. 2, on the night previous to the first proposition of the present quarter.

In consequence of the demise of the late Grand Secretary, John P. Entwisle, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, in the Grand Lodge of the United States,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge do now proceed to the election of Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States, in place of P. G. John P. Entwisle, deceased.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States, and P. G. Charles Common was declared duly elected.

The committee appointed April 15th, 1824, reported a Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States, in its separate capacity, which was adopted.

On motion, it was

* *A Constitution for the Grand Lodge of the United States.*—We beg to acknowledge our indebtedness to the archives of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts for the only original copy of this Constitution known to be in existence.

"The Grand Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States, of the Independent Order of the F. & A. M., Forming and commencing the 22d February, 1825."

§ 1. Art. 1. The Grand Lodge of the United States shall be composed of a G. M., D. G. M., and a Representative or Proxy of each Grand Lodge in the United States acting under charter.

Art. 2. Every state Grand Lodge shall be equally represented in the Grand Lodge of the United States, especially on every subject of importance, as also on alterations, repeals, or amendments in any of the laws or Constitution.

Art. 3. Any motion for an alteration, repeal or amendment to the Constitution, must be reduced to writing, and sent to the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the United States, at least six months previous to the annual meeting, in order that the Grand Lodge may communicate the same to the Representatives of each Grand Lodge in the United States, in order that they may Deputies or appoint Proxies to vote on the same; and a majority of two-thirds will be necessary to decide.

Art. 4. The Grand Lodge of the United States shall meet annually on the 22d of February, for general business, and the G. M., or his Deputy, shall have discretionary power to call a Special Session on extraordinary business.

Art. 5. That the city of Baltimore, in the state of Maryland, be the permanent seat of the Grand Lodge of the United States, being senior in order, as well as central in situation.

Art. 6. That the Representative or Proxy of each Grand Lodge, in order to be regularly admitted into the Grand Lodge of the United States, must be in possession of a certificate signed by the D. G. M. and G. S., with the seal of the said Grand Lodge affixed. Should the Representative known to any member of the Grand Lodge of the United States, he shall be put on his oath of obligations, that the certificate that he is in possession of, is genuine; and on entering the Grand Lodge he must work his way by the Golden Rule of the fourth degree.

Art. 7. That no Representative or Proxy leave the Lodge during its session, without the permission of the G. M. or presiding officer, and password from the D. G. M.

Art. 8. That every Representative or Proxy, being regularly summoned by the G. S. to an annual meeting, and neglecting to attend such meeting, shall be fined five dollars, as no excuse shall be sufficient, except sickness or beyond ten miles from where the Grand Lodge of the United States is held; and likewise neglecting a summons to attend a committee, will be fined one dollar.

Art. 9. That each state Grand Lodge shall pay equal proportion toward defraying the expenses of the Grand Lodge of the United States; and also, each Grand Lodge shall defray the expenses of their Representative.

Art. 10. That at the annual session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, the Constitutions and By-Laws will be read, and the members of the different Grand Lodges be admitted to business that may be transacted.

Art. 11. That the Grand Lodge of the United States enact By-Laws for the government of the Lodges, and for the regulation of their pecuniary affairs, provided, they do not interfere with the Constitution.

§ 2. Art. 12. The Officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States are—the M. W. G. M., R. W. D. Grand Master, R. W. Grand Secretary, W. Grand Guardian, and W. Representative Proxies.

That each state Grand Lodge may nominate a candidate for the office of G. M. of the Grand Lodge of the United States: the said candidate must be a P. G. M. of a state Grand Lodge, seconded after three times calling, the nominated candidate shall be put to the ballot; and shall be elected by a majority of tickets. That the G. M., so elected, shall nominate a D. G. M., residing in the state of Maryland, where the Grand Lodge of the United States is held; also, each Grand Lodge nominating a candidate, must communicate the same to the Grand Lodge of the United States, six months previous to the G. M. of the Grand Lodge of the United States leaving his seat, in order that he may be elected by the members in session. The G. G. shall be appointed by the G. M.

Art. 13. That the G. M. shall hold his office four years, and shall be eligible for a third term three years longer—after the expiration of which, he shall not be eligible as a candidate until the expiration of four years after; but provided it should so happen that a candidate nominated be qualified to fill that important station, that he remain elected until a suitable period has expired to take the seat; and further, that the G. M. shall not be in possession of the title of the Grand Lodge of the United States, unless he serves the specified term, and that the Grand Lodge of the United States cannot hold the office of G. M. of any state Grand Lodge.

The D. G. M. shall likewise hold his office for the space of four years—at the expiration of which, he may be continued without limited time to fill that office; and unless he serves his full term, he cannot hold the title of P. D. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

The G. S. shall hold his office for the space of four years, and may be continued without limited time; and unless he serves his four years, he cannot hold the title of P. G. S. of the Grand Lodge of the United States. Also, a reasonable compensation must be appropriated for his services.

The G. G. shall also hold his office for four years to qualify him as a P. G. G. of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Art. 14. The duty of the G. M. is to preside during the session, preserving order and enforcing the laws—impartially put to the vote all propositions, and in case of equal vote casting vote.

Ordered, That a copy be forwarded within one month, to each of the Grand Lodges for concurrence.

Report of the Grand Treasurer.

Balance in hands of the G. Treasurer,	- - -	\$23 54
Cash received from Franklin Lodge, No. 2, dues,	- - -	7 00
" " " P. G's Gill and Bickley,	- - -	2 00
		<hr/> \$ 32 54
G. Treasurer, Cr. By Cash paid G. Con. Common's bill,		1 56
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Balance in the G. Treasurer's hands,		\$30 98
The Grand Lodge then closed in F. L. & T.		

MAURICE FENNELL, A. G. Secretary.

The duty of the D. G. M. is to open and close the lodge meetings; to support the G. M. by his assistance, and to take his seat during his absence; he must also read all petitions, propositions, reports and communications laid before the Grand Lodge of the United States, and on elections or votes, to report the statement thereof to the G. S.

The G. S. must record a just and true account of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, and likewise communications from the Grand Lodges throughout the United States, and to transact all the writing of the Grand Lodge.

The G. G. is to prove every member before he admits him; to allow none to depart or enter without a password, and to prevent the admission or departure of any during actual transaction of business, without the permission of the G. M.

The Representatives or Proxies are to weigh attentively every transaction that may come before them, and to represent their state Grand Lodge to the best of their judgment, and to the full extent of their power.

In case of occasional absence of the G. M., when the D. G. M. takes the highest situation the shall immediately appoint a Deputy *pro tem.*, as that important office must never be left vacant. In case of the death of the G. M., the D. G. M. shall take his chair, until some other candidate is nominated and elected.

Art. 15. After an election has taken place, the candidate in whose favor it has resulted, will be duly informed of the same, and it shall be communicated to all the Grand Lodges throughout the United States by the G. S.; and the candidate so elected will be notified to attend and be present to take his seat, otherwise the election will be annulled. Also, he must be present when he resigns his seat; and in the interim, the D. G. M. may act in his stead.

The G. M., D. G. M., G. H. and G. G., as officers, shall not vote on any occasion whatever, as the same solely devolves on the Representatives or their Proxies; but when the votes are equal, the G. M. shall give the casting vote, as before mentioned.

All letters or communications must be directed to the G. M. or his Deputy; and the postage of all letters to and from the Grand Lodge of the United States, must be paid by the Grand Lodge of every state, as communications may require.

§ 3. Art. 16. In case when five brothers of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows wish to start a lodge in another state, not already chartered, application must be made to the Grand Lodge of the United States, to obtain a charter, and the G. M. or his Deputy must communicate the same to the Representatives of each Grand Lodge, and they or their Proxies must decide on the same; if the majority decide unfavorable, the G. M., if a motion be made and seconded, shall refer the petition to a second consideration, and afterwards put it to vote, and decide accordingly.

Art. 17. The charter, with the charges and lectures of the first or White, second or Blue, third or Scarlet, together with the Covenant and Remembrance Degrees, shall be charged at thirty dollars, to defray the expenses thereof—the money to be paid immediately on the delivery of the same; but provided that the lodge so forming have not the means to pay that amount, the degree books will be detained until they can comply with the whole charge. They must also defray all travelling expenses. The lodge so forming in a new state, will have to act under the Grand Lodge of the United States, until that they have five Past Grands attached to them.

Art. 18. When a charter is granted, a member of the Grand Lodge must be deputed to deliver the same, to open the new lodge, and to give instructions such as he finds them prepared to receive, and are necessary for them to have.

Art. 19. Every state Grand Lodge acting under the Grand Lodge of the United States, shall send three months previous to the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of the United States, their statement of expulsions or suspensions, if any—the names and reasons thereof—and any other circumstances of general importance; all of which the Grand Lodge of the United States will cause to be circulated to all the Grand Lodges throughout the United States.

Art. 20. Every state Grand Lodge must give a proof impression of their seal, to be deposited in the Grand Lodge of the United States; and all their communications must be sealed therewith.

Art. 21. The Grand Lodge of the United States shall forward a yearly password for travelling members, to each state Grand Lodge."

The several Grand Lodges to whom copies of this Constitution were forwarded, responded as follows: Maryland and Massachusetts approved. New York approved, except the words, "residing in the State of Maryland, where the Grand Lodge is held," in the 12th article. Pennsylvania approved, except the word "permanent," in article 6th.

QUARTERLY SESSION.

BALTIMORE, November 22d, 1824.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment, and opened in regular form. Present:

THOMAS WILDEY,	M. W. G. Master.
JOHN WELCH,	R. W. D. G. Master.
THOMAS MITCHELL,	R. W. G. Warden.
MAURICE FENNELL,	R. W. A. G. Secretary.
JOHN BOYD,	W. G. Guardian.
CHARLES COMMON,	W. G. Conductor, and

P. G's Nelson, Harris, Roach, McKormick, Bickley and Scotchburn.

P. G. Seeds sent an apology for non-attendance.

G. Guar. Boyd, and P. G. McKormick were each fined 50 cents for not being in time.

P. G's Freburger and Arman, of No. 2, and Colt, of No. 3, presented their certificates of membership, who were elected and admitted.

P. G's Freburger, Arman and Colt, then applied for the fourth (G. R.) degree, were elected and duly instructed.

The proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Maryland and the United States were read by the D. G. Master, from the commencement to the present time, which were approved.

A letter was presented and read from the Grand Lodge of New-York, and after due consideration, on motion, it was

Resolved, That A. G. Sec'y Fennell, be directed to answer the same immediately, and also to give the opinion of the Proxy on the subject.

Two letters were presented and read from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, relating to a Mr. Day, which produced considerable discussion, when, on motion, it was

Resolved, That it be recommended that the said Mr. Day be excluded from entering any Lodge of the I. O. F. throughout the globe, &c.

The M. W. Grand Master then addressed a few remarks to the brethren, stating, that his term of duty having expired, it was necessary, according to previous notice, to enter immediately into an election of Grand Master, and the other important Officers appertaining to the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

Whereupon, on motion, the following nominations were made for Grand Master, viz:

D. G. M. Welch, G. Guar. Boyd, A. G. Sec'y Fennell, G. Con. Common, and P. G's Nelson and Scotchburn.

D. G. M. Welch, G. Guar. Boyd, A. G. Sec'y Fennell and P. G. Nelson, declined.

The poll was then opened, and it appeared there was a tie.

Whereupon, G. M. Wildey gave the casting vote in favor of G. Con. Common, and then declared P. G. Charles Common duly elected Grand Master of Maryland.

P. G. Thomas Scotchburn was elected D. G. Master; P. G. Gill, G. Secretary; P. G. John Nelson, G. Warden; P. G. Henry Harris, G. Guardian; and P. G. Freburger, G. Conductor.

On motion, the following were adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, serve for one year, eligible for re-election. And in the same manner with the D. Grand Master, and other Grand Officers.

Resolved, That the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Maryland be held on the 15th day of January, 1925, in lieu of the 22d of February—being the day set apart for the organization of the Grand Lodge of the United States; and also, the 15th of January being the birth-day of the founder of Odd Fellowship in the United States.

The Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Maryland,* as amended in accordance with the foregoing resolution, was then read and approved.

On motion, the following was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That G. M. Wildey, after leaving his seat, be presented with a Medal, as a small token of our respect for his eminent services, his indefatigable and unremitting zeal in spreading the Order of Odd Fellowship throughout the United States, and his unexampled assiduity and attention to its best interests, while Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maryland and of the United States.

G. Con. Common, P. G. Scotchburn, and A. G. Sec'y Fennell, were appointed a committee to procure the medal abovementioned, the same to cost twenty dollars.

On motion, the following was

Ordered, That the Grand Lodge visit in regular form, Columbia Lodge, No. 3, on the 29th inst.

Report of the Grand Treasurer.

Balance in hands of G. Treasurer, - - -	\$30 98
Cash rec'd from Washington Lodge, No. 1, dues, -	10 00
" " " Franklin Lodge, No. 2, dues, -	8 00
" " " P. G.'s Colt, Freburger, and Arman, -	3 00
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	\$51 98
G. Treasurer, Cr. By cash paid G. Con. Common, -	\$0 93
" " " P. G. Roach, for stationary, - - -	8 50
By cash paid Mrs. Entwisle, in lieu of medal, - - -	15 00
By cash paid A. G. Sec'y Fennell, for drawing paper for G. Charter, -	0 25
By cash paid A. G. Sec'y Fennell, for writing G. Charter, &c., - -	7 50
By cash paid P. G. Williams, for writing, &c., - - -	1 50
By cash paid for postage, - - -	2 00
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	\$35 68
Balance in G. Treasurer's hands, - - -	\$16 30

The Grand Lodge of Maryland and of the United States then closed.

MAURICE FENNELL, A. G. Secretary.

* Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Maryland.—No copy of this document could be procured.

* The Grand Lodge.—The proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, after this session, was exclusively in its capacity of a state Grand Lodge; and the separation may not inappropriately be deemed as having fully taken place at this adjournment.

PRELIMINARY MEETING

For the organization of the Grand Lodge of the United States

BALTIMORE, January 15,

Pursuant to previous notice, the Representatives and Proxies of several Grand Lodges assembled at the new Hall, for the purpose of organizing the Grand Lodge of the United States. Present :

P. G. CHARLES COMMON,	Rep. of Maryland.
P. G. MAURICE FENNELL,	Proxy Rep. of Massac
P. G. THOMAS SCOTCHBURN,	Proxy Rep. of New-Y
P. G. JOHN BOYD,	Proxy Rep. of Penns.

The preamble and resolutions of the separation of the Grand Maryland and of the United States, as adopted by said Grand Lodge April 15th, 1824 ; and the Constitution for the Grand Lodge of the United States, as recommended by said Grand Lodge, August 22, 1824, were presented and accepted.

The Representatives then went into an election for the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the United States, when P. G. M. THOMAS of Maryland, was unanimously elected Grand Master.

On taking the chair, the Grand Master elect addressed the Representatives in a few remarks, on the benefits arising from the separation of the Grand Lodge of the United States from the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

The Representatives then proceeded to the election of D. G. Master, when P. D. G. M. JOHN WELCH, of Maryland, was unanimously elected D. G. Master of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

The Representatives then proceeded to the election of Grand Secretary, when P. G.'s John Roach, E. C. Gill and William Williams, of Maryland, were nominated.

The result of the ballot was in favor of P. G. WILLIAM WILLIAMS, who was declared duly elected Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

The Grand Master elect, appointed P. G. W. THOMAS MITCHELL Guardian of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

The Grand Master elect then submitted letters from the several Grand Lodges, relative to the separation and organization of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

On motion, the following was

Ordered, That the portion of the Remembrance and third degrees which has to repeat, be printed. Also, the P. G.'s charge book.

On motion, adjourned.

WILLIAM WILLIAMS, *Grand Secretary*

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION
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GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES.

Held at the City of Baltimore, February, 1825.

BALTIMORE, February, 22d, 1825.

The R. W. Grand Lodge convened this day, at Odd Fellow's Hall, city of Baltimore, being the regular Annual Communication, when the following were present, viz :

P. G. M. THOMAS WILDEY, M. W. G. Master elect.
P. G. WILLIAM WILLIAMS, R. W. G. Secretary elect.
G. M. CHARLES COMMON, Rep. of Maryland.
P. G. MAURICE FENNELL, Proxy Rep. of Massachusetts.
P. G. THOMAS SCOTCHBURN, Proxy Rep. of New-York.
P. G. JOHN BOYD, Proxy Rep. of Pennsylvania.

The Grand Lodge having assembled agreeably to the provisions of the Constitution, on motion, the following were adopted :

Resolved, That the installation of Officers and business before this body, be postponed for one month.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary elect, be directed to inform the several Grand Lodges of the adjournment of the Annual Communication, and their answers in time for the Proxies to act on their behalf, be forwarded without further delay.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet on the 30th day of March, 1825.

BALTIMORE, March 30, 1825.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. Present :

G. M. CHARLES COMMON, Rep. of Maryland, presiding.
P. G. MAURICE FENNELL, Proxy Rep. of Massachusetts.
P. G. THOMAS SCOTCHBURN, Proxy Rep. of New-York.
P. G. JOHN BOYD, Proxy Rep. of Pennsylvania.

And opened in regular form.

Visiting brethren present :—P. G.'s Nelson, Harris, Freburger, Gill and Colt, of Maryland.

The Grand Officers elect were then presented and duly installed into their respective offices, to serve for four years, or until the installation of their successors, duly chosen, viz :

P. G. M. THOMAS WILDEY,	M. W. G. Master.
P. D. G. M. JOHN WEICH,	R. W. D. G. Master.
P. G. WILLIAM WILLIAMS,	R. W. G. Secretary.
P. G. W. THOMAS MITCHELL,	W. G. Guardian.

The Grand Master having taken his chair, addressed the Relatives and visiting brethren, presenting his acknowledgments for the distinguished honor conferred in elevating him to the dignified office of Master of the United States—embracing a brief outline of his proceedings since the Order, from the commencement, and its progress in the United States.

The D. Grand Master, Grand Secretary and Grand Guardian returned their thanks for the high honor conferred upon them.

The proceedings of the preliminary and first meetings were approved.

The Grand Master stated that he had received petitions from the Grand Lodge of Washington, No. 2, of Philadelphia, to Mr. James Day; and that he had directed the Grand Secretary to inform the Grand Master of Pennsylvania of the reception of the petition, and to request him to forward a copy of a previous letter from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, on the same subject, in which the Grand Master of said state, considered that James Day had been unjustly expelled, and wishing him reinstated—the committee giving him a copy of the letter; and announced that G. M. Small had made the said James Day an Odd Fellow, previous to writing to the Grand Master on the subject.

A petition was also presented from Wayne Lodge, No. 3, of Philadelphia, on the same subject. When, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of the United States has no jurisdiction in the case presented before it.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodges of each state only has the power to decide any case, however important, to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Resolved, That Washington Lodge, No. 2, and Wayne Lodge, No. 3, of Philadelphia, must present their petitions to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to forward a copy of the resolutions to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and the subordinate Lodges.

On motion, the following were adopted :

Ordered, That the Grand Lodges be informed that there is a colour of the Order for a degree,* which they have not received, and that it will be forwarded as soon as possible.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge, that the benefit of the said fifth degree, should be forwarded to this body, to defray the expenses of the same, and likewise the representatives of each state.

A letter was received from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, informing their Proxy to act in their behalf, and asking information relative to the fifth degree.

Two letters were received from the Grand Lodge of New York, stating their objections to certain articles in the Constitution. On motion,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to inform them of the proceedings, and that the D. Grand Master must be chosen from the State of Maryland.†

Several letters were received from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, one of them requesting the alteration of the Constitution, by :

* *A Degree*.—The degree here alluded to was the Royal Purple. It had been but recently introduced, and owing to the want of the appropriate lectures, was at the time known only to G. D. G. M. Scotchburn, of Maryland.

† *Chosen from the State of Maryland*.—The following is the explanation given by the Grand Master:—The Grand Master may be chosen from any Grand Lodge in compliance, it would be to the advantage of the Order that the Deputy Grand Master, who is to preside in the absence of the Grand Master, should be always at hand, in order to be familiar with every particular relative to the Constitution of the United States; and also, that he might receive communications addressed to the Grand Lodge, and correspond thereon with the Grand Master in any section where he might

the word "permanent," and insert "present," relative to the location* of the Grand Lodge of the United States. When, on motion, it was

Ordered, That the same be answered, stating the reason why it was so established.*

On motion of Rep. Boyd of Pennsylvania, it was

Ordered, That a copy of the address of the Grand Master be forwarded to each Grand Lodge, and they be informed of his intention to visit the several state Grand Lodges, the last of May next.

A letter was received from the Order in England, and a necessary reply adopted and directed to be transmitted.

On motion, the Grand Lodge closed the Annual Session.

WILLIAM WILLIAMS, *Grand Secretary*.

Annual Report of the Grand Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F. commencing February, 1824, and ending February, 1825.

Grand Lodges.	Where held.	No. of Lodges.	Remarks.
Maryland,	Baltimore.	3	No further Report.
Massachusetts,	Boston.	2	" " "
New York,	New York.	1	" " "
Pennsylvania,	Philadelphia.	3	" " "
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SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

BALTIMORE, April 20th 1825.

The Grand Committee convened this day, at Odd Fellow's Hall, city of Baltimore, at the call of the M. W. Grand Master, and was duly opened. THOMAS WILDEY, M. W. G. Master, presiding.

The Grand Master presented a letter, which had been received from New Orleans, asking for information relative to establishing the Order in that city, which being read, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be forthwith authorized to answer the letter, requesting them to advertise their intentions of opening a lodge, with a view of uniting as many brothers together as possible; and as soon as five brothers can be found in good standing, to forward a petition, and every assistance will be rendered them in furtherance of the object.

The Grand Committee then closed.

WILLIAM WILLIAMS, *Grand Secretary*.

BALTIMORE, September 25th, 1825.

The Grand Committee convened this day, at Odd Fellows' Hall, city of Baltimore, at the call of the M. W. Grand Master, and was duly opened. THOMAS WILDEY, M. W. G. Master, presiding.

* Why it was so established.—See proceedings of April 15th, 1824.

The Grand Master stated that he had visited the Grand Lodges of Massachusetts, New York and Pennsylvania, accompanied by the Representatives of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and found them in a very prosperous condition. Their reception at the different places was truly gratifying.

The Grand Lodges of New York and Pennsylvania requested that the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States, should be amended by striking out the word "permanent," and insert "present," which the Grand Master stated should be laid before the Grand Lodge of the United States, at a special session, immediately on his return to Baltimore.

The same subject was laid before the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, who declined giving an opinion.

The subject of the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States, viz: strike out the word "permanent" and insert "present," was considered, and after mature deliberation, it was adopted, by the following vote—the yeas and nays being ordered:

YEAS.—Reps. Common, of Maryland; Fennell, of Massachusetts; Scotchburn, of New-York; and Boyd, of Pennsylvania.

The Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States, was proposed to be amended by striking out the "22d of February," and insert "first day of May."

The question having been taken, it was unanimously adopted.*

Rep. Scotchburn, of New York, presented a letter from the Grand Lodge of that state, informing this Body, that considerable discord existed among them, and requesting a correspondence on the subject.

P. G. McKormick, of Maryland, presented a letter from the Order in Manchester, England, together with several magazines, which was read, and on motion, it was

Resolved, That ten dollars be appropriated to P. G. McKormick, for the expenses in going from Liverpool to Manchester, to obtain necessary information relative to the work of the Order.

P. G. McKormick received a degree while at Manchester, which he was authorised to confer on G. M. Wildey and D. G. M. Welch; which duty he had performed.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That every brother receiving the said degree,* shall pay the sum of one dollar.

The degree was then conferred on the following brethren:

Reps. Charles Common, Maurice Fennell, Thomas Scotchburn and John Boyd; G. Sec'y William Williams, and P. G's John Roach and Charles Brice.

The Grand Committee then closed.

WILLIAM WILLIAMS, *Grand Secretary*.

* *Unanimously adopted*.—These amendments seem to have been adopted without due deliberation. The Constitution had provided for its amendment by propositions made "six months previous to the annual meeting, in order that the several Grand Lodges may be notified and send deputies to vote on the same," when it could be considered; but in this case, at a "Special Committee," without the previous notice required, the amendments offered, were "unanimously adopted." The next annual session was held on the 25th April, notwithstanding the vote had, and the proceedings so far must have been considered invalid, as they undoubtedly were.

* *Said Degree*.—This is the degree known since by the term of "Patriarchal."

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION
OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES,

Held at the City of Baltimore, April, 1896.

BALTIMORE, April 25th, 1896.

The R. W. Grand Lodge convened this day, at Odd Fellows' Hall, city of Baltimore, being the regular Annual Communication, when the following were present, viz:

THOMAS WILDEY,	M. W. G. Sire.*
JOHN WELCH,	R. W. D. G. Sire.
WILLIAM WILLIAMS,	R. W. G. Secretary.
JOHN ROACH,	W. G. Guardian, p. t.
G. M. CHARLES COMMON,	Rep. of Maryland.
P. G. CHARLES BRICE,	Proxy Rep. of Massachusetts.
P. G. JOHN BOYD,	Proxy Rep. of Pennsylvania.

Visiting P. G's, Marley, Roach, Gill and St. Mire, of Maryland.

P. G. Scotchburn, Proxy Rep. of New York, being absent, the Grand Lodge appointed P. G. Richard Marley, of Maryland, to act for him.

The Grand Sire ordered the fine of five dollars, to be recorded against Rep. Scotchburn, of New York, and G. Guar. Mitchell.

The Grand Guardian announced, that G. M. Small, and P. D. G. M. Richardson, of Pennsylvania, were in waiting, desiring to visit the Grand Lodge.

Whereupon the Grand Sire appointed Rep's Boyd, of Pennsylvania, and Common, of Maryland, a committee to wait on the brethren, and ascertain if they were qualified to enter the Grand Lodge.

The committee having returned, reported that the distinguished visitors were qualified to enter.

The said committee then introduced the brethren, who were received with the honors of the Order.

G. M. Small, of Pennsylvania, presented his certificate as a Representative from said state, which was read, and found to be in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution.

G. M. Small, then took his seat as the Representative from said state.

The proceedings of the first Annual Communication, and the Special Committee Meetings of April 20th, and September 25th, 1895, were read and approved.

* *M. W. Grand Sire* — The title of "Grand Sire" seems to have been assumed by general consent at the session. The 14th article of the Constitution provides for the title of M. W. Grand Master, as the title of the presiding officer, and all official acts, bearing signature up to 1895, were in the name of the Grand Master. No formal change appears upon record, but henceforth the officer is designated Sire. In 1898, the Constitution was revised, when the title of Grand Sire was confirmed. It is worthy of remark, that the title of Grand Sire appears on the books of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, at a session held in October and November, 1855, from which it may be inferred that the name was determined on at the session of September, and omitted in the minutes.

The D. Grand Sire then read the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

The following additional Section to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, proposed in the interim, was taken up for consideration.

SECTION IV.

ARTICLE 22. All lodges acting under the Grand Lodge of the United States, when having five Past Grands, are at liberty to petition the Grand Lodge for a Grand Charter, with the different degrees, belonging to a Grand Lodge, the same not before granted to a subordinate lodge, so as to enable them to have a state Grand Lodge for the government of such state, as the same may require.

ARTICLE, 23. That a state Grand Charter together with the Golden Rule, and Royal Purple or fifth degrees, be charged at twenty dollars, to be paid for on delivery, and all necessary expenses incurred, shall be paid by such state as shall apply for the same.

The question was then taken on the two additional articles, and unanimously adopted.

The Patriarchal degree having been received from England since the adoption of the Constitution. On motion, it was

Resolved, That two dollars and fifty cents be charged for the same, in addition to the thirty dollars for a charter and degrees for a subordinate lodge.

Rep. Small, of Pennsylvania, and P. D. G. M. Richardson, of the same state, delivered complimentary addresses to the Grand Lodge, on the state of the Order, and the flattering manner of their reception.

Rep. Small, of Pennsylvania, then asked and obtained leave of absence.

The Representative having retired, P. G. John Boyd, Proxy of said state, then resumed his seat in the Grand Lodge, when on motion, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be presented to Rep. Small for his visit and his attention to the duties of his office.

A communication was received from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, stating that they had established the fourth subordinate lodge in the city of Philadelphia—also, one from the Grand Lodge of New York, that the lodge at Pleasant valley, Dutchess county, had applied for and received a charter, and that they had established a subordinate lodge at Albany, and expected to institute one at Poughkeepsie in a short time.

On motion, the Grand Lodge closed the Annual Session.

WILLIAM WILLIAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

Annual Report of the Grand Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., commencing February, 1825, and ending April, 1826.

GRAND LODGES.	Where held.	No. of Lodges.	Remarks.
Maryland,	Baltimore.	3	No further Report.
Massachusetts,	Boston.	2	" " "
New York,	New York.	3	" " "
Pennsylvania,	Philadelphia.	4	" " "
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SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

BALTIMORE, October 3d, 1896.

The Special Committee convened at Odd Fellows' Hall, city of Baltimore, at the call of the M. W. G. Sire, and was duly opened. Thomas Wilder, M. W. G. Sire, presiding.

The D. Grand Sire stated that the Special Committee was assembled for the purpose of hearing the report of the Grand Sire. Whereupon, the M. W. Grand Sire, submitted the following:

Officers and Representatives :

The Grand Sire respectfully reports : That after a passage of twenty-one days, he arrived at Liverpool, and visited the lodges, but being desirous of reaching Manchester, he took leave of the brethren there, and proceeded on his journey. On arriving at Manchester, he was received with open arms by a few of the brothers.

The Corresponding Secretary was ordered to prepare notices for the assembling of the Order on the following day, at 4 o'clock, P. M., and at the appointed time, he met about six or seven hundred of the brethren, and all seemed overjoyed at his arrival. After some preliminary business had been gone through with, the Grand Sire, delivered an address which was received with approbation. It will appear in the next number of the English Magazine.

For six successive nights during his stay among them, he frequently visited two lodges of an evening ; a conveyance was in attendance to take him from place to place, and at all of the lodges, he explained to them the law on which the lodges worked in the United States.

Several committee meetings were held for the transaction of business with him, during his stay in Manchester.

The Grand Sire attended several public dinners at which much good humor prevailed, and the healths of the Grand Masters of Maryland, Massachusetts, New York and Pennsylvania, with their officers, were severally made, confirmed by the honors of the Order.

Several alterations have taken place in the work of the Order, which the Grand Sire is of the opinion may be productive of service to the Order.

The Grand Sire presented the committee of the Manchester Unity with the Covenant and Remembrance degrees,* which were approved of by them, and were left for their adoption.

Before leaving Manchester, the brethren being desirous of bestowing a mark of respect on the Grand Sire, but considering the subject of a delicate nature, they resolved that the same should be intimated to him by the Grand Treasurer, privately, which was accordingly done, by suggesting the award of a medal as suitable.

The Grand Sire replied, that if it was their wish to present him with a token of their esteem, he would prefer, to anything else, a charter for the Grand Lodge of the United States, confirming the one granted by the

* *Covenant and Remembrance Degrees* - It does not here appear, but the English minutes show that the *Grand Lodge Degree* was also presented by G. W. Wilder at the same time, and that the two degrees were actually adopted by the Special Committee, and ordered into immediate use. The M. W. G. Sire, though it sanctioned the Covenant and Remembrance, refused concurrence in the award of a medal relative to the Grand Lodge Degree, and rejected it.

Duke of York Lodge, Preston. To this suggestion, they instantly complied, and on his return from London, he was presented charter, splendidly executed on parchment, through the hands of Thomas Derbyshire, in a suitable manner; when the Corresponding Secretary of the district, accompanied the delivery with a highly complimentary address.

From Manchester the Grand Sire proceeded to London, where received in a highly gratifying manner.

While visiting the lodges there, he observed an emblem representing foundation stone laid by our forefather Adam, and procured one, which now presents to the Grand Lodge.

After leaving London, he returned to Manchester, and visited thirty lodges, where he was met by a very numerous body of the Order, who congratulated him in a highly gratifying manner.

The report of the Grand Sire having been read, on motion, the following were adopted:

Resolved, That the charter* presented to this body by the Grand Annual Meeting Committee connected with the Manchester Unity, dated May 15th, 1826, be accepted.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be voted to the officers and of the Manchester district, for the hospitable manner in which they received and entertained our worthy Grand Sire, during his late visit to England.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary communicate this vote of thanks, the same be entered on the minutes.

* *The Charter*.—The following is a copy of the Charter so accepted:

I. O. O. F.

"This Dispensation, granted by consent of the Grand Master and past and present Officers of various Lodges connected with the Manchester Unity, assembled in Grand Committee.

"In consideration of the Charter formerly granted by the Duke of York Lodge, Preston, Officers and Brethren of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Baltimore, in the United States of America. We, the undersigned respectively, Officers of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Great Britain, do ratify, grant and confirm such Charter; and also, hereby grant, authorize and empower the Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire, Representatives and Proxies of the Grand Lodge of the United States of America, to conduct the business of Odd Fellowship, *without the interference of other country*, so long as the same is administered according to the principles and purity of the lawship. This Charter being granted as a free gift from the Grand Annual Meeting Committee, assembled on the 15th day of May, in the year 1826.

"In witness whereof, we have hereunto affixed our seals, displayed the colours of our Order, and subscribed our names the day and year above written.

WILLIAM ARMIT, G. M.	[Seal.]	ROBERT NAYLOR, Pr. G. M.
THOMAS DERBYSHIRE, D. G. M.	[Seal.]	B. H. REDFERN, Pr. D. G. M.
MARK WADDLE, P. G. and C. S.	[Seal.]	THOMAS ARMIT, P. G. M.
BEAUMONT HODGSON, Treas.	[Seal.]	JOHN DUCKWORTH, Pr. P. G. M.
		L. W. SMITH, Pr. G. M. [Seal.]
		MONES LEE, Pr. P. G. M. [Seal.]
		JOHN TAYLOR, Pr. P. D. G. M. [Seal.]
		T. ABBOTT, Pr. G. M. [Seal.]

* *Vote of Thanks*.—The following is a copy of the official communication accompanying the same:

"Baltimore, Oct. 18

"P. G. Mark Wardle, Corresponding Secretary, Manchester District:

"Sir and Brother—You will perceive by the above resolves, that it has become my duty to assure you it is a very pleasing one, to communicate to you a vote of thanks for the honour on us, by the very polite and generous treatment shown our worthy Grand Sire, during his sojourn among you.

"Callous indeed must be my feelings, could I comply with the bare formalities attendant on the duty of my office, without adding a few words of my own on the subject, and them as my own. I trespass on the right of others, for I feel convinced that there is not the Order here, who does not freely and largely participate in them; and the affectionate which our Grand Sire spoke of your treatment, leaves not a doubt but that he too feels the obligation you have imposed on him, and for which neither he individually, or the body, can consider ourselves exonerated in whole or part, until we have an opportunity of deputation from our transatlantic brethren of the honorable Order of Odd Fellows.

"Leaving an affectionate family, and extensive business, which require a vast deal of attention, G. B. Wildey, fully aware of the incidents dangerous to the voyage, feeling that that would result to the Order, resolved on the undertaking, tremblingly alive to the importance of the trust imposed on him.



nd, That the foregoing be forwarded by the Grand Secretary to the state
edges.

tion, the Special Committee closed.

WILLIAM WILLIAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

BALTIMORE, October 30th, 1826.

Special Committee convened this day, at Odd Fellows' Hall, city
more, at the call of the M. W. Grand Sire, and was duly opened.

WILDEY, M. W. G. Sire, presiding.

Grand Sire stated that the Special Committee was assembled for
use of considering a letter received from P. G. Benjamin Downing,
York, requesting a warrant or dispensation for Providence, R. I.
n, on motion, the following was adopted :

nd, That the Grand Secretary be directed to answer the said letter, giving
necessary information how to proceed to establish a lodge at the place afore-

tion, the Special Committee closed.

WILLIAM WILLIAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

seems seemed to prosper our cause, for the good of our fellow-men ; and although he
in an extraordinary short passage, the thought of home, sweet home, had gathered clouds
home, which were speedily removed by the kind reception he met with at your hands ;
our much joyous by your unwearied attention, and the sympathy felt for his safe return,
is to tender it, as he himself happily describes it, the most agreeably painful period of his

s one pleasure to be enabled to state, that his voyage home, though not as short as the one
recent, and though in the gale of the 4th and 5th, when so much havoc was made among
g generally on the ocean, they escaped miraculously uninjured, clearly evinces the hand
his in support of our cause.

letter granted by you, and presented to the Grand Sire, has been received, and is a proud
our lodge room. This will be spoken more largely of hereafter.

sition, let me assure you the bonds of union, subsisting between Odd Fellows are strongly
and that the recent visit of G. R. Willey will have a very favorable effect in that respect.
ing you individually, and for brethren generally, health, happiness and prosperity here, and
whence hereafter, and that we may soon have the pleasure of some of your company,
his, sir and brother, yours, fraternally, in F. L. and T.

W. WILLIAMS, G. R. of U. R.

The Grand Sire desires me to present to you, and through you, to the officers and brethren
at, his best respects, and desires me to say, that he will take an early opportunity to
re the obligations he stands under to you.

W. WILLIAMS.

—THOMAS WILDEY, G. R. of the G. L. of U. R.

h the following reply was in due time received :

"Manchester, January 8th, 1827.

he and Brother—Yours, announcing the safe arrival of G. R. Willey, gave much pleasure
due to all those who heard me read it. I am sorry that the letter cannot now be circulated
the Order, by the Magazine, as I have been compelled, for want of support, to discontinue
Want of money among the working classes is the principal cause

nothing new or of moment to communicate. The Independent Order is in a most flour-
here, considering the depression of trade, which, I am sorry to say, is as bad as ever. If
more plentiful, I verily believe we should initiate the whole country.

d have written you sooner, but for the difficulty of getting the parcel sent off. The Liver-
though in compliance, are not to be depended upon ; G. R. Willey can satisfy you on that
see America (which is his brother, Hodgson) is now at my elbow, waiting to take this to
be his sign to our lodge, and I am sorry on his punctuality

meeting very air, to present my most sincere congratulations to your worthy Grand Sire—on
I can safely affirm, that I am very far from being of the wretched district. You could not have
any proper judgment. His politeness and ready, though always mainly answers, the general
a manner, which is his simple and unaffected style of delivery, rendered him just the
fell who saw him. In addition, I must say, that those who like myself, had the pleasure
at frequently with him, respect him the most.

for yourself, dear sir and brother, my best wishes for your welfare and the prosperity
of Odd Fellowship, and believe me to be, in bonds of F. L. and T., your
—MARK WADSWORTH, G. R.

WILLIAM WILLIAMS, Baltimore

is it thanks to M. W. G. Sire will be held before our next committee, and noticed in the March

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION
OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES,
Held at the City of Baltimore, May, 1827.

BALTIMORE, May 1st, 1827.

The R. W. Grand Lodge convened this day, at Odd Fellows' Hall, city of Baltimore, being the regular Annual Communication,* when the following were present :

THOMAS WILDEY,	M. W. G. Sire.
THOMAS CHARTRES,	R. W. D. G. Sire, <i>p. t.</i>
WILLIAM WILLIAMS,	R. W. G. Secretary.
SAMUEL BICKLEY,	W. G. Guardian.
G. M. THOMAS SCOTCHBURN,	Rep. of Maryland.
P. G. JOHN ROACH,	Proxy Rep. of Massachusetts.
P. G. RICHARD MARLEY,	Proxy Rep. of New-York.
D. G. M. JOHN PEARCE,	Rep. of Pennsylvania.

The credentials of D. G. M. John Pearce, Rep. of Pennsylvania, were presented and found correct.

The Grand Secretary then read the proceedings of the last Annual Communication, together with the Constitution, and all proceedings which has taken place during the past year, including the correspondence between the Grand Secretary and the Corresponding Secretary of the Manchester district ; together with an extract from the Manchester Odd Fellows' Magazine, which were approved, and ordered to be printed.

Communications were received from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, by which it appears the correspondence between that Grand Lodge and this body, has met with some interruption, which it is presumed will be rectified in future, through the exertions of G. M. Hersey. They also convey the pleasing intelligence of the formation of a new lodge in that state, at the flourishing village of Taunton, thirty-two miles from Boston. It is styled "Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 3 ;" and strong hopes exist that it will rise rapidly.

Communications were also received from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, setting forth that they are likewise going on prosperously, and requesting answers to many questions sent, which were inserted among the minutes of proceedings for compliance.

A communication was then read from the Grand Lodge of New York, giving information that they are progressing steadily, and are now in a flourishing condition.

Rep. Scotchburn, of Maryland, communicated the intention of the Grand Lodge of Maryland to have a copper-plate engraved for travelling certi-

* Annual Communication.—The minutes of this communication. were the first which were published, and circulated among the Order.

as to suit any state or lodge,
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communication from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was submit-
 ting that the Annual Communication be hereafter held on the
 Friday in May, instead of the first day of May, which was read.

motion, the following were adopted :

rd, That this Grand Lodge have prepared a vote of thanks to our worthy Grand
 his unwearied exertions in promoting the good of the Order generally; and par-
 ticular service rendered by his late voyage to England; that the same be
 duly framed, and the expenses thereof paid out of the funds of this Grand

rd, That all letters which may be hereafter received concerning the Order,
 be placed among the archives of this Grand Lodge.

Pearce, of Pennsylvania, delivered to the Grand Sire, the consti-
 tution of the Grand Lodge of said state, together with the work of its sub-
 lodges, which he accompanied by a very neat and eloquent ad-
 dress to which the Grand Sire responded in grateful terms, on be-
 half of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

motion, the following were adopted :

rd, That a new charter be granted to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, in
 a form which they now have in possession, and that the expense of pre-
 senting the same, be borne by said Grand Lodge.

rd, That after notice shall have been given to any Grand Lodge, of its being
 in arrears, and such arrears shall not be paid by the next Annual Meeting, such
 lodge shall be considered delinquent.

rd, That we consider the alteration in the S's, an innovation of the ancient
 laws of the Order, and that we firmly adhere to the E. S., C. S., P. W. and G.
 brethren be instructed in the new, as well as the ancient S's, to the end, that
 if of us should visit England, or become acquainted with one who has only
 S's, he may be enabled to prove or be proven by him.

rd, also, That the Grand Lodge of the United States do request the lodges in
 each district, to give the ancient as well as the new S's, to all brothers who
 wish to visit this country, and that they be requested to communicate our wishes
 subject to all the lodges in England.

rd, That the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master of each State, be
 in possession of the annual or travelling P. W.

rd, That a vote of thanks be presented to D. G. M. John Pearce, for the zeal
 and energy in promoting the good of the Order in the state of Pennsylvania.

rd, That each state Grand Lodge be requested to ascertain what number of
 copies of the Manchester Magazine will be wanted for such state, to enable Cor-
 nelius Wandle, to resume the publication of so valuable a work. That the num-
 ber may be forwarded, and charged to the respective Grand Lodges, should
 arrangement justify its re-commencement.

Pearce, of Pennsylvania, submitted the following, which was deter-
 mined in the negative.

rd, That on any state applying for an act of incorporation, the same
 should be submitted to the Grand Lodge of the United States for its approval,
 and such application shall be placed in the archives until the next Annual
 Session.

motion, the Grand Lodge closed the Annual Session in friendship
 and brotherly love.

WILLIAM WILLIAMS, *Grand Secretary.*

*Annual Report of the Grand Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge
United States, I. O. O. F., commencing April, 1826, and
May, 1827.*

GRAND LODGES.	Where held.	No. of Lodges.	Remarks.
Maryland,	Baltimore.	4	No further Report.
Massachusetts,	Boston.	3	" " "
New York,	New York,	3	" " "
Pennsylvania,	Philadelphia.	4	" " "
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*Extract from the Manchester Odd Fellows' Magazine, printed by
the Grand Lodge.*

THOMAS WILDEY, P. G. M. OF THE UNITED STATES

This highly respected and truly valuable officer, visited this country on the 17th of June, 1826, and remained in the Manchester district until the following. We need not say he had a hearty reception.

On Sunday afternoon a lecture was held at the Wellington lodge house, was attended by a numerous and respectable company of officers and brothers. Sire Wildey took the G. M's chair, decorated in a robe far superior to any the kind we ever before beheld, ornamented in the most superb manner, with medals of massive silver, of the most exquisite workmanship—demanding one glance, the esteem and estimation in which the "Founder and Father of our Odd Fellowship," is held by our brethren on the other side of the Atlantic.

At the conclusion of the lecture, G. M. Wildey delivered the following address in an impressive and feeling manner. He was heard with the most profound attention and rewarded by the most cordial cheers and applause of all present.

"OFFICERS AND BROTHERS :

Were I, on the present occasion, to say that I am happy of the opportunity of meeting so respectable an assemblage of my brethren, it would be but to express my real feelings in part. A stranger in the land of my birth, to be thus cordially received by those I never saw before—makes me feel a glow of that heavenly pleasure which I had never expected to experience on this side the grave—words are inadequate to do justice to my feelings—suffice it to say, they amply repay me for the fatigue of my journey; and that I now more than ever have cause to bless the hour in which I became an Odd Fellow.

An anxious desire to gain all the information possible to be attained, and to disseminate the same to the different lodges and brethren under my jurisdiction, as Grand Sire of the United States of America, has induced me twice, since I have been honored with the confidence of my brethren, to visit the different states where the Order were held, and the happy effect arising from it has now caused me to travel thousands of miles of the Atlantic, that I may obtain still more information, and am confident it is in your power to give—and that you will bestow it with a liberal hand—in return for which, any information which may be in my power to communicate will be cheerfully imparted, either to the lodge, as respects the affairs of the Order, or to individual brethren, in any matter of general interest.

The principal communication which it will be in my power to make, will be the degrees of the *Covenant* and *Remembrance*, both of which we have for some time been highly instructive. They are the production of our deceased brother, the late Past Grand, and having been adopted by all the lodges in America, I myself you will also adopt them in this country, and that you will derive pleasure and information from them.

As my stay will necessarily be short, I hope the brothers of the Order will be backward in giving their attendance while I remain among them, as it is to me as well as the first time, that I may be so fortunate as to meet with them.



intended to advert to our rise, progress and standing in America, but as our intentions have apprized you, from time to time, of our situation, I shall not ~~use~~ ^{use} your time on that subject. Our magazine, published after the plan of the *Star Magazine*, also embraces the same thing;—I shall therefore no longer ~~see~~ ^{see} you from business—but shall take every opportunity of accomplishing the object of my visit to this country, which will no doubt be for the general benefit of the in which I know you all feel deep solicitude.

I now conclude these brief remarks, without thanking the officers of the Order many valuable letters,* which they have been so kind as to address us, as also ~~attention~~ ^{attention} upon every occasion. Should any of your members, at any time, we trust, we shall not be found wanting in brotherly love. I now nothing further to say—than that it is my sincere wish, that our brethren throughout the world, may so conduct themselves, as when they quit this world, its mortal part is consigned to the narrow house, that their souls may take flight to you Eternal Lodge, reared by our heavenly Grand Sire, where we shall meet more."

visiting all the lodges he possibly could, and giving and receiving information to the Order, for seven days, the worthy Sire set off for London. We try to observe, that his report of the London lodges is somewhat unfavorable, trust, with him, that the good sense really possessed by some of the officers, truly put an end to those trifling jealousies and differences which at present stir the district, and keep those asunder who ought always to be united.

an absence of about five weeks, G. M. Wilkey returned hither on the Friday and visited the Nelson's Hall Lodge, Oldham, on the Saturday evening. We need to add, that this truly respectable and numerous lodge received him, officers who accompanied him from Manchester, in the spirit of genuine Oddity. During the evening, many appropriate toasts and sentiments were and the Grand Sire gratified the company with an interesting account of the progress of the Independent Order in America. Towards midnight he was ~~per-~~ ^{per-} to depart, amidst the most heartfelt wishes for his welfare and the prosperity of the Order. On his way to Manchester, he frequently and feelingly declared, that if the ~~difficulties~~ ^{difficulties} he had received that evening, would alone have been sufficient to him for the fatigues and anxiety of his long journey.

was generally known that G. M. Wilkey would leave Manchester early on the morning, a very numerous and respectable body of brothers attended on Sunday we may call his farewell lecture, at the Prince's Tavern. The company to assemble about two o'clock, soon after which, C. S. Wardell, (in the absence of N. G. Prinia) commenced lecture, during which the best feeling was present, and the effect correspondently impressive.

after the finishing of the lecture, a lecture book and a handsome dispensation, to the Grand Lodge of the United States, were presented to G. M. Wilkey, by Thomas Derbyshire. After reading the Dispensation aloud, the G. M. of the Order in England placed it in the hands of the G. M. of the Order in America; at the same time, a brief, but pointed and energetic speech, to the delight and edification of all who heard and saw him.

the worthy Grand Sire evidently much affected, addressed the lecturer, pledging to a careful keeping of the important document then in his possession, and to a liberance of its precepts. He also pledged himself to see all the instructions received here speedily and correctly circulated throughout the whole of the Order in America. In the name of the Grand Lodge of the United States, he thanked the officers of the Order for the handsome present he should have the pleasure of carrying with him and concluded by proposing, as a sentiment, "The cause of Oddity all over the world."

the applause which these proceedings excited, had subsided, C. S. Wardell delivered the following

FAREWELL ADDRESS.

the and respected Sire:

I come and on behalf of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows in England, I

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the worthy Grand Master should have been in the hands of a more able man than myself—but the lot has fallen upon me, and I will do it all the justice I can.

the various Magazines

Permit me first, to congratulate you on your safe arrival in your native country, for, however ardently you may be attached to the country of your adoption—much circumstances may have endeared it to you—yet there is a feeling in man's breast never to be forgotten—never to be entirely suppressed, however roam—and that feeling is—a love for our native land!

—dear the schoolboy spot
We ne'er forget tho' there we are forgot!

Hence, Sir, I congratulate you on your safe arrival, and sincerely hope those views, and objects, and wishes, which induced you to cross the Atlantic, have been amply and happily realized.

As an Odd-Fellow, worthy Grand Master, in the name of the Order, I thank you for your best thanks. To you, and to you only, the United States of America are indebted for the existence of the inestimable blessing of Odd-Fellowship!—But that truly great country, would have been, at this hour, without one of the most moral and benevolent institutions ever formed by man.—To you belongs, and unequivocally, the glorious title of "Founder and Father of American Odd-Fellowship."

This title, most worthy Sir, none can dispute with you—it is clearly, plain—and your name will be revered by future ages, when the memory of heroes and benefactors will have been forgotten.

I ought not here, perhaps, to pass over the names of two or three of your worthy coadjutors:—to brothers Welch, Boyd and Crowder, if they be yet living, we wish to convey the best thanks of the Independent Order in England for what they have left this for "another and a better world," their friends will have consolation to know that their names are on record, and that they will be handed down to posterity as fellow-laborers in this great work of love, as friends and as the Founder and Father of American Odd-Fellowship.

The existence of a press among us both here and at Baltimore, renders it necessary for me to recapitulate the particulars of the rise and progress of your Union. The magazines now put every brother in possession of all the leading facts with the Order, which were formerly necessarily confined to a few. To those I triumphantly refer them, for an account of the almost miraculous march of Odd-Fellowship in America: to those magazines, too, I refer them for an account of almost miraculous marches which you have made for the good and welfare of the infant institution—exertions, which none but a mind most determinedly benevolent could have performed—exertions, I firmly believe, unequalled in the history of any other society—exertions never heard of before, if we except those of the great philanthropist, the immortal Howard!

Faith, we read, Sir, will remove mountains—but what will not charity. After traversing the various extensive states of the truly great country of America, and rendering all their lodges as one, you bend your pilgrimage here, you join them to those of England—removing, as it were, the vast Atlantic and perpetuating the principles of benevolence, and bringing thousands, from the immense distance from each other, under the standard of Friendship, Love and Charity.

To you, Sir, we are indebted for all this—you laid the plan—you conceived the whole design—you have now the happiness of seeing a new creation rising up before you. I say a new creation, Sir, because no man can become a genuine Odd-Fellow, without becoming at the same time a better man.

However good he may have been before, the duties of an Odd-Fellow lead him out to him many sources for the exercise of his goodness, which before were unknown to him—he will necessarily become more useful—the facilities that the Independent Order affords, I may say makes, for the display of that first of virtues—(without which all pretensions to goodness are mere mummery)—these, I say, will give him an opportunity of putting his goodness in full practice.

I do not mean to confine myself, Sir, to that charity which giveth of the principle of universal benevolence which embraces all the wants of all kinds. I do not mean alone their physical necessities—I mean to include their moral necessities. A really charitable man will feel a greater desire to relieve than to relieve the former; because he knows if a man be not morally right, he will not be physically happy.

Worthy Grand Master, a few words more on this subject—it is the principle of our Order—we have high authority for the fact—"the first of these is to do good—I know of no delight equal to the luxury of doing good—but the first delight



mour, and relieve the uncomplaining—the half-broken, yet proud spirit, that
 beg, and will not beg. Believe me, Sir,

Full many a stoic eye and aspect stern,
 Hide hearts where grief has little left to learn.

Now, Sir, done with this part of my subject—I will not presume to point
 his assembly the many opportunities that present themselves for the exercise
 virtues—the active and the benevolent will readily perceive them, and to
 they can they be of any service.

our address, Sir, on your arrival among us, you told us that you had “now
 an ever cause to bless the happy hour in which you became an Odd Fellow.”
 all not soon forget the compliment. Long may you live to enjoy such feeling,
 every hour increase its felicity!

all not here particularise the many valuable communications received from
 my shall be cherished among us, and communicated in due time to the re-
 judges throughout the Order; and we are satisfied that what you have re-
 ceived we will be laid out to the best advantage among your children when you
 home.

it becomes my painful duty to bid you, Most Worthy Grand Master, off-
 at least, farewell!—A young world of your own creation is now anxiously
 g your arrival—may the waves and winds of the Atlantic speedily waft you
 come, and may you find “all well.” You have the wishes and prayers of
 do for your welfare. This lecture will bear with me, I am sure, when I ex-
 halt Odd Fellowship, all hail Columbia!—Long life and happiness to the
 r and Father of American Odd Fellowship!”

r the whole of this address, the most profound attention was preserved. At
 session, the worthy Grand Sir sat down, overwhelmed with feelings more
 imagined than described, and desired the worthy Grand Master Derbyshire
 (a supporter) to return thanks for him—he could not!
 their Grand Master Derbyshire performed in a manner calculated to raise
 the estimation of all his friends, and to reconcile him to (if it were possible for
 have any) his enemies.

time was now spent in free and open intercourse and conversation, during
 he officers and brothers were shaking hands and congratulating each other
 “fiat of reason and the flow of soul,” which they had that day enjoyed.
 locked round the worthy Sir to give and receive the last friendly grip, while
 were anxious to know how they would succeed in America? To these en-
 his reply generally was, “talent, industry and abstinence, will succeed any

r estimation he acted on these occasions a judicious and honest part. He did
 not any inducement—whoever may have been led into an error in their recent
 cross the Atlantic, (and we fear there are many) no one can turn round upon
 Wilkey and say, “thou art the man!”

this, a supper was given by host Hodgson, to the country visitors, &c., and
 remainder of the evening was spent in a manner becoming our laudable profe-

Monday morning our pilgrim left Manchester for Liverpool, and sailed, we
 on the Thursday following, for Baltimore.

his hasty sketch meets the eye of the Order, he will, if all be well, have re-
 ceive congratulations of his friends and family, on his safe arrival among them.—
 as with them.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

BALTIMORE, November 12th, 1827.

Grand Committee met pursuant to the call of the M. W. Grand
 and opened in regular form. THOMAS WILKEY, M. W. G. Sir, pro-

The Grand Sire stated that the Special Committee was assembled for the purpose of considering a petition for a charter for a lodge to be located at Washington City, District of Columbia.

Whereupon, a petition was presented from brothers Thomas M. Abbott, Robert Boyd, John Cragg, Thomas Smith and Samuel Knapp, praying for a charter for a lodge to be located at Washington, D. C., and to be hailed Central Lodge, No. 1, I. O. Fellows.

The petition having been duly considered, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the charter be granted to the abovenamed petitioners, and that the said lodge be opened on the 26th of November, 1827.

On motion, it was

Ordered, That G. Sire Wildey be deputed to open Central Lodge, No. 1, Washington City.

A letter was read from Hope Lodge, No. 3, state of New York, presenting their thanks to G. Sire Wildey, for his signature to their charter, and for services rendered the Order.

On motion, the Grand Committee closed.

JOHN J. ROACH, *Grand Secretary. pro tem.*

BALTIMORE, January 15th, 1828.

The Grand Committee met pursuant to the call of the M. W. Grand Sire, and opened in regular form. THOMAS WILDEY, M. W. G. Sire, presiding.

The Grand Sire announced, that the Grand Committee was convened for the purpose of considering a petition for a charter for a lodge to be located at Georgetown, District of Columbia.

Whereupon, a petition was presented from brothers Robert Boyd, T. Wedds, Francis King, John Elvans, John Douglass and John Cragg, praying for a charter for a lodge to be located at Georgetown, D. C., and hailed and entitled, Georgetown Lodge, No. 2, I. O. Fellows.

The petition having been duly considered, on motion, the following were adopted.

Resolved, That the charter be granted to the abovenamed petitioners, and the said lodge be opened on the 23d January, 1828.

Resolved, That G. Sire Wildey be deputed to open said Georgetown Lodge, No. 2.

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be presented to N. G. Thomas M. Abbott, of Central Lodge, No. 1, Washington City, D. C., for his energy in the support and welfare of the Order.

Rep. Marley, of New York, presented a communication from the Grand Lodge of said state, informing this body of the expulsion of Strangers' Refuge Lodge, No. 4.* When, on motion, it was,

* *Strangers' Refuge Lodge, No. 4.*—The principal portion of the members of this lodge had been accustomed to the different mode of government which prevails under the Manchester Unity, and were not prepared to accord to the Grand Lodge of their state any other than advisory powers, such as had heretofore been exercised by "Committees of Past Grands." Resistance was made to paying regular dues to the Grand Lodge; and the regulation for exacting fees from their members, for degrees conferred, was disregarded. After the failure of every mild measure to correct them, necessity compelled a resort to the extreme penalty.

That the expulsion of Strangers' Refuge Lodge, No. 4, by the Grand New York, be approved, and that the Grand Secretary be directed to furnish to each Grand Lodge a notice of said expulsion to each Grand Lodge.

On motion, the Grand Committee closed.

JOHN J. ROACH, *Grand Secretary, pro tem.*

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES,

Held at the City of Baltimore, May, 1828.

BALTIMORE, May 1st, 1828.

The W. Grand Lodge convened this day, at Odd Fellows' Hall, city of Baltimore, being the regular Annual Communication, when the following were present:

THOMAS WILDEY,

JOHN WELCH,

JOHN J. ROACH,

JOHN ROACH,

M. THOMAS SCOTCHBURN,

J. RICHARD MARLEY,

J. M. THOMAS SMALL,

M. W. G. Sire.

R. W. D. G. Sire.

R. W. G. Secretary, *p. t.*

W. G. Guardian.

Rep. of Maryland.

Proxy Rep. of New York.

Rep. of Pennsylvania.

Credentials of the Representatives of Maryland, New York and Pennsylvania, were examined and found correct.

Grand Lodge of Massachusetts not represented.

Grand Lodge of the United States was then duly organized.

Sire Welch, and G. Guar. Roach, asked and obtained leave of

Grand Sire then appointed P. G. Daniel Weaver, as D. Grand Secretary, and P. G. Thomas Chartres, as Grand Guardian, *p. t.*

Proceedings of the last Annual Communication, and Grand Communications of November 12th, 1827, and January 15th, 1828, were approved.

Communications were presented and read from the Manchester district.

Grand Sire then read the Constitution of this body.

Scotchburn, of Maryland, presented and read the report of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, which represents the subordinate lodges to be in good condition. It also represents that an ENCAMPMENT OF PATRIARCHS had been formed during the year, the establishment of which is a great improvement in the Order, as it will be the means of

Encampment of Patriarchs. Until the opening of this Encampment, the several degrees known as the Patriarchal Degrees, had been conferred only in the body of a Grand Lodge, or "Discreet," except the Golden Rule, which was given as a token of confidence, to scarlet members, in the M. U. The limitation of this branch of the Order to Past Grand Lodges being deemed unsound, on the 5th of May, 1827, a number of the members of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, determined on applying to the Grand Lodge for a charter authorizing them to form an encampment of Patriarchs, with power to confer the Patriarchal, Golden Rule and Royal degrees, on scarlet members in good standing. Whereupon, the Grand Lodge of Maryland,

extending useful knowledge to brothers who have not become members of a Grand Lodge. The return made by the Encampment to the Grand Lodge of Maryland, was highly flattering. The report was accepted.

A communication was presented from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, announcing that they had instituted a new lodge at Cragie's Point, entitled "New England Lodge, No. 4."

Communications were received from the Grand Lodge of New York, and read by their Proxy, P. G. Richard Marley, informing this body of the formation of "Philanthropic Lodge, No. 5," at Albany; also, that the thanks of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York are hereby given to the M. W. Grand Sire, and the officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States, for their attention to the interests of the Order in general, and particularly to that state, for the last year.

Rep. Small, of Pennsylvania, presented and read the report from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. During the last year, two new lodges have been established and regularly chartered, entitled "Franklin Lodge, No. 5," and "General Marion Lodge, No. 6." And for the information of the various lodges, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania have pleasure in stating, that there are 568 contributing members belonging to different lodges under their jurisdiction.

The Grand Secretary presented several communications from the lodges in the District of Columbia, which were read; the purport of which were to receive instruction, and to inform us of their increase in numbers and respectability, and the rapid advances they are making in the bonds of friendship and brotherly love.

The communications were received, and the thanks of the members composing the Grand Lodge of the United States, returned.

On motion, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Sire appoint a Grand Secretary for the ensuing year.

Whereupon, the Grand Sire appointed P. G. JOHN J. ROACH, Cor. and Rec. Secretary, which was concurred in.

On motion, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the Constitution be so amended, that the Annual Communication be held on the first Monday in May, instead of, as heretofore, on the first day of May.

On motion,

Resolved, That Rep. Small, of Pennsylvania, present the vote of thanks, voted to our worthy G. Sire, Thomas Wildey, for his unwearied exertions for the good of the Order, at the last Annual Communication.

Whereupon, Rep. Small, of Pennsylvania, presented the vote of thanks alluded to, with a few appropriate remarks, which were responded to by the M. W. Grand Sire.

On motion, the following were adopted:

on the 15th of the same month, granted their prayer on the payment of *forty dollars*. The following were duly installed into the several offices of the Encampment, on June 14th, 1827, to wit: John Boyd, G. P.; Thomas Wildey, H. P.; Thomas Scotchburn, S. W.; Richard Marley, Scribe; J. J. Roach, J. W., and E. Wilson, Guar.

The style by which this body was known for a long time, on the minutes of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, was "the Encampment Lodge." Its dispensation, however, denominates it "*The Encampment of Patriarchs*," by which it continued to distinguish itself, (except during a period of a few months when it styled itself "Encampment, No. 1.") until the 24th August, 1832, at which time it adopted the title of "Jerusalem Encampment, No. 1, I. O. O. F." It held itself subordinate to the Grand Lodge of Maryland, paying to that body regular per centage on its receipts up to the January session of 1832.

Resolved, That the old as well as the new S's be given out to initiated brothers.

Resolved, That the new S's be always made use of in the different lodges.

Resolved, That when any lodge returns its charter to the Grand Lodge which granted it, or any lodge loses it by suspension or expulsion, the name or number of said lodge shall not be granted to any other lodge, the privilege alone being granted to a sufficient number of its original members.

Resolved, That a sufficient number of impressions of seals, from the different Grand and Subordinate lodges of each state, be forwarded to the Grand Lodge of the United States, in order that every regular lodge may be supplied; and the said impressions be framed for a reference, the object of which is to prevent imposition.

Rep. Small, of Pennsylvania, submitted the following, which was determined in the negative:

Resolved, That the use of the new and old S's be made optional with each state Grand Lodge.

On motion, the following were adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary publish the expulsion of "Strangers' Refuge Lodge. No. 4," of New York, once a week for four successive Saturdays, in the undermentioned papers, viz: Baltimore American and Daily Advertiser, Philadelphia Saturday Evening Post, New York Enquirer, New York Albion, Albany Gazette, and Daily Advertiser, Boston Daily Advertiser, and United States Telegraph, at Washington City, District of Columbia.

Resolved, That a Grand Moveable Committee be formed, to move once in four years, through the different states where Grand Lodges are organized.

Resolved, That the said Committee be formed of two, and the Grand Sire to be as all times one of said Committee.

Resolved, That the Grand Sire have power to appoint one Proxy or Representative to move with him in said Moveable Committee.

Resolved, That the subordinate lodge degrees be revised.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge of the United States, are hereby given to the undermentioned members of the Manchester district, England: P. G. M. Derbyshire, G. M. Redfern, G. M. Whittam, P. D. G. M. Fry, P. D. G. M. Garbott, P. G. Taylor, P. Cor. Sec. Burton, together with the officers of said district, for their adopting and promoting all improvements for the good of the Order.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of the United States most strenuously recommend the establishment of Patriarchal Encampments, throughout the different states, as they will prove of considerable use and benefit to the Independent Order.

Resolved, That a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws of each Grand Lodge be communicated to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

On motion of Rep. Marley, of New York, the following preamble and resolution was adopted:

Whereas, The Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, is defective in several of its articles, therefore,

Resolved, That the same be taken up for consideration and general revision.

Whereupon, Rep. Small, of Pennsylvania, submitted a draft of an entirely new Constitution, which was read, and after undergoing various alterations and amendments, on motion, it was

Ordered, That the new Constitution submitted, be referred to the several Grand Lodges: and that the Grand Secretary be directed to transmit true copies thereof accordingly.

On motion, the following were adopted:

Resolved, That the custom of be abolished in taking degrees.

Resolved, That at each Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodge, it shall be the duty of the Representatives or Proxies of each state, to estimate the current expenses of the ensuing year, and draw on each state Grand Lodge for the same, which must be immediately paid, to enable the Grand Sire to pay the necessary and essential expenses that may occur, and that he keep a regular account of the same, and present it to the Grand Lodge at the Annual Communication.

The following were proposed, and severally rejected:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of the United States hold Sessions alternately in the different states of Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania and Maryland.

Resolved, That in case of a Grand Sire being elected who is not a resident in the state in which the Grand Lodge is held, the said Grand Lodge to pay all travelling and necessary expenses.

On motion, the following were adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge of the United States, are hereby given to P. G. M. Thomas Small, Rep. of Pennsylvania, for his zeal in promoting the good of the Order.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary draw out a blank report, for the use of state Grand Lodges, in order for them to give a correct statement of their financial affairs, with their annual communications, and that the Grand Secretary have fifty copies of the same printed.

Resolved, That a list of regular lodges be published in these minutes, for the information and satisfaction of the different states.

On motion, the Grand Lodge closed the Annual Session, in Friendship, Love and Truth.

JOHN J. ROACH, *Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary.*

List of Grand and Subordinate Lodges, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

The Grand Lodge of Maryland, Baltimore, having under its jurisdiction,

Washington Lodge, No. 1, Baltimore, meets every other Monday.

Franklin Lodge, No. 2, Baltimore, meets every other Thursday.

Columbia Lodge, No. 3, Baltimore, meets every other Wednesday.

William Tell Lodge, No. 4, Baltimore, meets every Tuesday.

The Encampment of Patriarchs, meets the first Friday in every month.

The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, Boston, having under its jurisdiction,

Massachusetts Lodge, No. 1, Boston, meets every second Friday.

Siloam Lodge, No. 2, Boston, meets every second Friday.

Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 3, Taunton, meeting not reported.

New England Lodge, No. 4, Cragie's Point, meeting not reported.

The Grand Lodge of New York, New York, having under its jurisdiction,

Columbia Lodge, No. 1, New York, meets every Monday.

Friendship Lodge, No. 2, Pleasant Valley, meets every Saturday.

Hope Lodge, No. 3, Albany, meets every Tuesday.

Philanthropic Lodge, No. 5, Albany, meeting not reported.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, having under its jurisdiction,

Pennsylvania Lodge, No. 1, Philadelphia, meets every Wednesday.

Washington Lodge, No. 2, Philadelphia, meets every Tuesday.

Morning Star Lodge, No. 4, Kensington, meets every Thursday.

Franklin Lodge, No. 5, Philadelphia, meets every Thursday.

General Marion Lodge, No. 6, Philadelphia, meets every Monday.

Central Lodge, No. 1, Washington City, D. C. meets every Tuesday.

Georgetown Lodge, No. 2, Georgetown, D. C., meets every Friday.

Annual Report of the Grand and Subordinate Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., commencing May, 1827, and ending May, 1828.

Lodges.	Where held.	States.	No. of Lodges.	Expulsions.	Cont'g Mem.	Remarks.
G. L. of Maryland,	Baltimore,	Md.	4	3		No further Report.
" Massachusetts,	Boston,	Mass.	4			" "
" New York,	New York,	N. Y.	4	13		No. 4, expelled.
" Pennsylvania,	Philadelphia,	Penn.	5	4	568	No. 3, surrendered.
Central Lodge, No. 1,	Washington,	D. C.	2			No further Report.
Georgetown, " " 2,	Georgetown,	"				" "
			19	20	568	

Expulsions.

In Maryland—William Williams, for breach of trust, &c.; Jeremiah F. Craig, and David Ramsey.

In New York—Samuel Lea, James Taylor, Samuel Read, William Barkewdorff, Augustus Frederick Foy, Robert Wolfenden, Elias Winworth, John Booth, John Rayle, John Aimes, William Symson, Lawrence Kealey, and Mark Killen, members of Strangers' Refuge Lodge.

In Pennsylvania—Jacob Brewer, William Clifton, William T. Palmer and George Keidder.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

BALTIMORE, September 28th, 1828.

The Grand Committee met pursuant to the call of the M. W. Grand Sire, and opened in regular form. THOMAS WILDEY, M. W. G. Sire, presiding.

The Grand Sire stated that the Grand Committee was assembled, for the purpose of considering a petition for a charter for a Grand Lodge, to be located at Washington City, D. C.

Whereupon, a petition was presented from P. G.'s Thomas M. Abbett, and John Wells, of Lodge, No. 1, and Robert Boyd, James Gettys and James Ashton, of Lodge No. 2, praying for a charter for a Grand Lodge, to be located at Washington, D. C. and that their names be inserted in the body of the charter.

The petition having been duly considered.

On motion, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the petition be granted as prayed, and that the Grand Lodge* be located at the City of Washington, D. C.

* *The Grand Lodge*—The opening of this Grand Lodge took place, as arranged, on the 24th November, 1828, when the following Grand Officers were installed into their respective chairs, to wit: Thomas M. Abbett, G. M.; James Gettys, D. G. M.; John Wells, jr., G. S.; Robert Boyd, G. W.; James Ashton, G. G.; Francis King, G. C.

G. Sire Wildey announced that he would open said Grand Lodge in person, on the 24th day of November, 1828.

On motion, the Grand Committee closed.

JOHN J. ROACH, *Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary.*

BALTIMORE, March 30th, 1829.

The Grand Committee met pursuant to the call of the M. W. Grand Sire, and opened in regular form. THOMAS WILDEY, M. W. G. Sire, presiding.

The Grand Sire announced, that the Special Committee was convened for the purpose of acting on a petition for a charter for a lodge to be located at Camden, New Jersey.

A petition was then presented from brothers George Dare, William A. H. Dare, Howell Stokes, William Middleton and George Roseman, praying for a charter for a lodge to be located at Camden, New Jersey, and to be hailed by the title of New Jersey Lodge, No. 1.

The application was favorably received.

When, on motion, the following was adopted,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

On motion, the Grand Committee closed.

JOHN STARR, *Grand Secretary, pro tem.*

BALTIMORE, April 10th, 1829.

The Grand Committee assembled, pursuant to the call of the M. W. Grand Sire, and opened in regular form. THOMAS WILDEY, M. W. G. Sire, presiding.

The Grand Sire announced that the Special Committee was called together for the purpose of receiving a petition for a charter for a lodge to be located at Patterson, New Jersey.

Whereupon, the Grand Sire, presented a petition from brothers John Armitage, Abraham Douckersly, William Williams, John Douckersly, and James McKim, praying for a charter for a lodge to be located at Patterson, New Jersey, and hailed by the title of Benevolent Lodge, No. 2.

After mature deliberation, on motion, the following was adopted.

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

On motion, the Grand Committee closed.

JOHN STARR, *Grand Secretary, pro tem.*

. ANNUAL COMMUNICATION
OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES,

Held at the City of Baltimore, May, 1829.

MONDAY, May 4th, 1829.

The R. W. Grand Lodge convened this day, at Odd Fellows' Hall, city of Baltimore, being the regular Annual Communication, when the following were present:

THOMAS WILDEY,	M. W. G. Sire.
JOHN WELCH,	R. W. D. G. Sire.
JOHN STARR,	R. W. G. Secretary, <i>p. t.</i>
ROBERT GOTT,	W. G. Guardian, <i>p. t.</i>
G. M. JOHN ROACH,	Rep. of Maryland.
P. D. G. M. CHARLES BRICE,	Proxy Rep. of Massachusetts.
P. G. RICHARD MARLEY,	Proxy Rep. of New York.
P. G. JOHN H. CAMPBELL,	Rep. of Pennsylvania.
G. M. THOMAS M. ABBETT,	Rep. of Dist. of Columbia.

The credentials of the Representatives of Maryland, Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania and District of Columbia, were examined and found correct.

The D. Grand Sire asked and obtained leave of absence, during the Session.

P. G. M. Thomas Scotchburn, was appointed D. Grand Sire, *p. t.*

The Grand Secretary, being absent from the city, P. G. John Starr, was appointed Grand Secretary, *p. t.*

The proceedings of the last Annual Communication, and Committee Meetings of September 28th, 1828, March 30th, and April 10th, 1829, were read and approved.

Communications from the several Grand Lodges, were then read and placed on file.

The D. Grand Sire read the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States; also, the yearly and quarterly communications of the Grand Moveable Committee of Manchester Unity, together with a letter from Corresponding Secretary Wardle, addressed to G. Sire Wildey, in pursuance to the 18th resolution, adopted by that body, at their Annual Session in May last.

The Grand Secretary read a letter addressed by G. Sire Wildey in reply thereto, when on motion, it was

Resolved, That the answer to the communication of the Manchester Unity Annual Moveable Committee, of our worthy Grand Sire, meets the entire approbation of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Rep. Roach, of Maryland, presented the report of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, communicating the intelligence of the Order being in a flourishing condition, and that all their deliberations were performed in a spirit of harmony and brotherly love, and that their financial concerns were in a prosperous condition.

Rep. Brice of Massachusetts, reported that the Grand Lodge of that state had granted two subordinate charters to lodges, which have been regularly opened, to be entitled "Washington Lodge, No. 5," to be located at Roxbury, and the other to "Adam Lodge, No. 6," to be located at Charlestown: he likewise reported very unfavorably on the condition of the Order in that state, that at this time the Grand Master was entirely without officers, and that contention, discord and jealousy, characterized the most of their proceedings.

Rep. Marley, of New York, presented the report of the Grand Lodge of that state, conveying the intelligence of two new lodges being established and regularly chartered, entitled "Good Intent, No. 6," located at Columbiaville, Columbia County, and "Clinton, No. 7," at Albany, and that the Order was in a promising situation; he likewise communicated the fact that "Strangers' Refuge Lodge," expelled, had made an application to be reinstated, promising to correct the errors of the past, and strictly to conform to the usages and regulations of the Order, and that the Grand Lodge of the state of New York, had consented to admit them under their jurisdiction, subject to the approbation of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Whereupon, on motion, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of the state of New York be empowered to negotiate any arrangement they may deem expedient, with "Strangers' Refuge Lodge," and have authority to reinstate that Lodge in the Independent Order, provided the said "Strangers' Refuge Lodge" refund the amount of moneys they may have received from "Benevolent Lodge," Paterson, New Jersey, and conform to the usages and regulations of the state.

Rep. Campbell, of Pennsylvania, communicated the report of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, which is of the most cheering character—gratifying to the Order, and honorable to the state. During the last year they have regularly chartered and established seven lodges, entitled "Hermen, No. 7," at Kensington, Philadelphia county; "Rising Sun, No. 8," at Frankford, Philadelphia county; "Mechanics', No. 9," at Pittsburg, Alleghany county; "Philomethan, No. 10," at Germantown, Philadelphia county; "Kensington, No. 11," at Kensington; "Jefferson, No. 12," at Philadelphia; "Philadelphia, No. 13," at Philadelphia; and reinstated "Wayne, No. 3." Likewise, that the Grand Lodge chartered an Encampment of Patriarchs, which is not yet organized; and that they have initiated in the several lodges, from first March, 1828, to March, 1829, six hundred and eighty-eight brothers: having one thousand and nine contributing members, and have collected five thousand eight hundred and twelve dollars, without including lodges No. 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13, from whom no reports have been received; but it is presumed their numbers will amount to two hundred.

Rep. Abbett, of the District of Columbia, presented the report of the Grand Lodge of the District, which states that the Order has considerably increased, and that ere long a more flattering representation may be expected.



following amendment to the proposed Constitution having been submitted to the Grand Sire, in pursuance of Art. XXIV, was then considered and adopted, viz: by striking out the word "May," and inserting "September,"—so that the Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodge of the United States, be held on the first Monday in September, hereafter.

The following resolutions were then submitted and adopted:

Resolved, That the resolution adopted at the last Annual Session, for the appointment of a Moveable Committee, be amended by striking out the words, "Representatives," and insert "a Past Grand of any state, district, or territory Grand

Master, That of moneys received by the Grand Sire for charters, as well as the moneys from subordinate lodges, acting under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, the sum of one hundred dollars be retained to defray all incidental expenses; and that the Grand Sire keep a correct account of the same, and present the same to the Grand Lodge of the United States, at their next Annual Session.

Brother Wilkey then submitted the following resolution to the consideration of the Grand Lodge, which was unanimously concurred in:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge of the United States, be voted to the Master, Deputy Grand Master, officers and brothers of the Manchester Unity Moveable Committee, for their unwearied exertions, tried fidelity and unremitting industry, in advancing the interest, and promoting the prosperity of the Inland Order.

After the adjournment, the Grand Lodge of the United States proceeded to the election of a Grand Sire, for the term of four years from the first Monday in

September. P. G. M. Thomas Wilkey, of Maryland, was nominated by Brother Leach, of Maryland; and P. G. M. Prior, of Pennsylvania, was nominated by Rep. Campbell, of Pennsylvania.

The respective nominations having been called over, the Grand Lodge proceeded to vote by states; when P. G. M. Thomas Wilkey, of Maryland, received the votes of the following states: Maryland, Massachusetts, New York, and the District of Columbia. P. G. M. Prior, received the votes of Pennsylvania.

Whereupon, it was declared that P. G. M. THOMAS WILKEY was duly elected Grand Sire, for the term of four years.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of a Grand Secretary, for the term of two years; when P. G. AUGUSTUS MATHIOT, was elected.

Brother Wilkey then nominated P. G. M. THOMAS SCOTCHBURN, D. Master, and P. G. ROBERT GOTT, Grand Guardian—which were ap-

proved by the officers elect, being present, were regularly installed into their respective offices.

The Constitution submitted at the last Annual Session, and referred for consideration to the several Grand Lodges, was taken up, read by articles, the amendment adopted at this session, was engrafted therein, when it was adopted, and became the Constitution of this Grand Lodge. The preamble for the Constitution was presented and adopted.

Declaration—The following is the Constitution as modified and adopted at this session:

CONSTITUTION

Whereas, it has been found expedient and of the greatest importance to mankind to form associations which center on their great and essential benefit. Therefore, we do form this association for the purpose of binding each other in the bonds of one common union, by which we may secure a co-operation of action, and of providing for the best interest of our beloved world; and as it is upon the permanent principles of universal benevolence, friendship and philan-

A code of Rules of Order was then submitted, which after due consideration, was adopted. When on motion, it was

thropy, and to secure unto ourselves and posterity the more effectually the blessings which are to be derived from so valuable and beneficial institution, ordain and establish this Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Art. 1. The Grand Lodge of the United States of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, shall be composed of a Grand Sire, a Deputy Grand Sire, a Grand Secretary, and Grand Guardian, and one Representative or Proxy, (who shall severally be Past Grands from each Grand Lodge in the United States and jurisdiction belonging thereunto, who are acting under a legal charter granted by the Grand Lodge of the United States, and in obedience to the ancient rules and customs of the Order, and the Constitution of this Grand Lodge.

Art. 2. The titles of the officers shall be the M. W. G. Sire, R. W. D. G. Sire, R. W. G. Secretary, W. G. Guardian, and W. Representative or Proxy.

Art. 3. § 1. The G. Sire shall preside at the meetings of the Grand Lodge, preserve order and enforce the laws thereof, and shall have a casting vote whenever the Grand Lodge may be equally divided, but shall not vote upon any other occasion. He shall appoint the D. G. Sire, who shall reside within the state in which the Grand Lodge is held.

§ 2. The D. G. Sire shall open and close the meetings of the Grand Lodge, support the G. Sire by his assistance, and preside in his absence; shall read all petitions, proceedings, reports, and communications; and on all elections or votes, make a correct statement thereof to the G. Secretary.

§ 3. The G. Secretary shall record a just and true account of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, as well as communications from all Grand Lodges in the United States; summon the members to attend the meetings; keep the accounts in a correct manner; write all letters and communications, and perform such other duties as may be required by the Grand Lodge, and shall receive for his services — dollars per annum.

§ 4. The G. Guardian shall prove every brother before he admits him, and allow no one to enter or depart without the password, nor during the transaction of any business, unless permission be granted by the presiding officer.

§ 5. The Representatives or Proxies shall represent the Grand Lodge by whom they are appointed. *Art. 4.* The Grand Lodge shall meet annually, on the first Monday in September, and on its own adjournments; and the G. Sire shall have power to call a special meeting at his discretion, for the purpose of granting warrants or charters; but on business of importance he shall cause three months previous notice to be sent to the several Grand Lodges, and communicate to them the business for which the meeting is to be called.

Art. 5. The Grand Lodge shall meet for the present in the city of Baltimore, state of Maryland. *Art. 6.* The D. G. Sire, G. Secretary and G. Guardian, shall not vote at any time in their official capacity.

Art. 7. Every Grand Lodge may nominate a candidate for the office of G. Sire; the candidate shall be a Past Grand Master; the nomination shall be called over previous to balloting, and the G. Sire shall be elected one year previous to entering upon the duties of his office, and by a majority of the whole number of votes given; he shall hold his office for two years, and shall be eligible for re-election as often as the Grand Lodge may think proper. He shall not hold an office in any Grand Lodge while serving in the office of G. Sire.

Art. 8. The G. Secretary and G. Guardian shall be elected by a majority of votes given; they shall hold their offices for two years, and shall be eligible for re-election.

Art. 9. After an election has taken place, the officers elected shall be informed of the same, and if either of them should neglect to attend and be installed at the time appointed, his election shall be void, and the Grand Lodge shall proceed to elect another to fill the vacancy.

Art. 10. When five brothers of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows wish to form a lodge in any state, district, territory or country, that has not a Grand Lodge deriving its authority from the Grand Lodge of the United States, they shall petition this Grand Lodge for a warrant. Should a majority of this Grand Lodge decide favorably, the Grand Lodge may depute a member of the Grand Lodge to deliver the same, and to open the new lodge, and give the necessary instructions.

Art. 11. The warrant, with the charges and lectures of the White, Royal Blue, and Scarlet, together with the Covenant and Remembrance Degrees, shall be charged at thirty dollars, and the money shall be sent with the petition; should the petition not be granted, the money shall be returned.

Art. 12. Subordinate lodges, acting under a warrant granted by the Grand Lodge of the United States, shall be exclusively under the government of the United States Grand Lodge, and pay ten per cent. of their proceeds to the Grand Lodge of the United States, until they have a Grand Lodge formed in their respective state, district, or territory.

Art. 13. Subordinate lodges, acting under a warrant granted by the Grand Lodge of the United States, having five Past Grands, may petition for a charter for a Grand Lodge; the charter to be charged at twenty dollars; the money shall be sent with the petition; should the charter not be granted, the money shall be returned.

Art. 14. All necessary travelling expenses incurred for the purpose of opening a new lodge, shall be paid by the petitioners for said lodge.

Art. 15. All letters or communications shall be addressed to the Grand Sire; and the postage to and from the Grand Lodge of the United States, shall be paid by the Grand Lodge to whom they may be directed, or sending the same.

Art. 16. Every Grand Lodge shall send a yearly report of the expulsions or suspensions that have taken place in the lodges under their jurisdiction; the names of the persons and the reasons therefor; together with a correct statement of the number of members belonging to the lodges, and all other circumstances of importance.

Art. 17. Every Grand Lodge shall send an impression of their seal, to be deposited within the archives of the Grand Lodge, and all communications shall be sealed therewith.

Art. 18. The G. Sire shall forward a yearly password to the Grand Master of the several Grand Lodges.

Art. 19. The Representatives or Proxies of each Grand Lodge shall present a certificate of their appointment, signed by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, and sealed with the seal of the lodge.

Resolved, That the Constitution and Rules of Order, be prepared and bound, signed by the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary, and a copy be forwarded to each Grand Lodge.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the United States be requested to use his utmost endeavours to resuscitate and revive the Order in Massachusetts, when he may visit that state, in Moveable Committee.

The subordinate degree lectures, as revised, were taken up, and further modified.

On motion, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge of the United States, be presented to G. Sire Wildey, for his indefatigable exertions in promoting the interest of the Order, and for his general conduct during the past year.

Whereupon, G. Sire Wildey arose and returned his acknowledgments, in an address upon the rise and progress of the Order in this country, which was listened to with marked attention.

On motion, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the address delivered by G. Sire Wildey, be annexed to the minutes.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That a committee consisting of Rep's Roach, of Maryland, and Marley, of New York, be appointed to draft a blank report, for the use of Grand Lodges, to enable them to communicate such information to the Grand Lodge of the United States, as required by the Constitution, and that 200 copies be printed, and a sufficient number be sent to each Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That a list of regular lodges be published in the minutes, and that a copy be sent to each Grand and subordinate lodge within the United States.

On motion, the Grand Lodge of the United States closed.

JOHN STARR, *Grand Secretary, pro tem.*

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Franklin Lodge, No. 2, Baltimore, meets every other Thursday.

Columbia Lodge, No. 3, Baltimore, meets every other Wednesday.

William Tell Lodge, No. 4, Baltimore, meets every other Tuesday.

The Encampment of Patriarchs, meets the first Friday in every month.

The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, Boston, having under its jurisdiction,

The Massachusetts Lodge, No. 1, Boston, meets every Second Friday.

Siloam Lodge, No. 2, Boston, meets every Second Tuesday.

Art 20 Any Representative or Proxy neglecting to attend an annual, adjourned, or special meeting, shall be fined five dollars, except prevented from attending by sickness, or being beyond ten miles from the place of meeting.

Art 21 The several Grand Lodges shall pay an equal proportion of the expenses of the Grand Lodge of the United States; they shall also pay the travelling expenses of their Representative.

Art 22 The Constitution and By-Laws shall be read at the annual meeting, and the members of the different Grand Lodges may be admitted to hear any business that may be transacted.

Art 23 This Grand Lodge may enact By-laws for their government, and the regulation of their pecuniary affairs, not interfering with the Constitution.

Art 24 Any motion for an alteration, repeal or amendment to the Constitution, shall be communicated in writing to the Grand Sire, six months previous to the annual meeting, and the same to be communicated to the several Grand Lodges, and a majority of two-thirds shall be necessary to decide.

Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 3, Taunton, meeting not ascertained.
 New England Lodge, No. 4, East Cambridge, meeting not ascertained.
 Washington Lodge, No. 5, Roxbury, meeting not ascertained.
 Adam Lodge, No. 6, Charlestown, meeting not ascertained.
 The Grand Lodge of New York, Albany,* having under its jurisdiction,
 Columbia Lodge, No. 1, New York, meets every Monday.
 Friendship Lodge, No. 2, Pleasant Valley, meets every Saturday.
 Hope Lodge, No. 3, Albany, meets every Tuesday.
 Philanthropic Lodge, No. 5, Albany, meeting not ascertained.
 Good Intent Lodge, No. 6, Columbiaville, meeting not ascertained.
 Clinton Lodge, No. 7, Albany, meeting not ascertained.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, having under its jurisdiction.

Pennsylvania Lodge, No. 1, Philadelphia, meets every Wednesday.
 Washington Lodge, No. 2, Philadelphia, meets every Tuesday.
 Wayne Lodge, No. 3, Philadelphia, meets every Monday.
 Morning Star Lodge, No. 4, Kensington, meets every Thursday.
 Franklin Lodge, No. 5, Philadelphia, meets every Thursday.
 General Marion Lodge, No. 6, Philadelphia, meets every Friday.
 Hermen Lodge, No. 7, Kensington, meets every Tuesday.
 Morning Star Lodge, No. 8, Frankford, meets every Saturday.
 Mechanics' Lodge, No. 9, Pittsburg, meets every Thursday.
 Philomathean Lodge, No. 10, Germantown, meets every Saturday.
 Kensington Lodge, No. 11, Kensington, meets every Wednesday.
 Jefferson Lodge, No. 12, Kensington, meets every Friday.
 Philadelphia Lodge, No. 13, Philadelphia, meets every Saturday.

The Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, Washington City, having under its jurisdiction.

Central Lodge, No. 1, Washington, meets every Tuesday.
 Georgetown Lodge, No. 2, Georgetown, meets every Friday.

Annual Report of the Grand Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., commencing May, 1828, and ending May, 1829.

LODGES.	Where held.	States.	No. of Lodges.	Expulsions.	Con'g Mem.	Remarks.
G. L. of Maryland,	Baltimore,	Md.	4			No further Report
" Massachusetts,	Boston,	Mass.	6			" "
" New York,	Albany,	N. Y.	6	1		" "
" Pennsylvania,	Philadelphia,	Penn.	13	4	1009	No. 3, reinstated.
" Dist. Columbia,	Washington,	D. C.	2			No further Report.
			31	5	1009	

Expulsions.

In New York—P. G. John Grant, embezzlement of lodge funds.

In Pennsylvania—John Reader, L. Domsler, J. T. Barrows, Daniel Davis.

* The Grand Lodge of New York was removed from the city of New York to Albany during the previous year. No authority or sanction on the part of the Grand Lodge of the United States, favorable to this act, appears on record.

ADDRESS

Delivered by Grand Sire THOMAS WILDEY, on his Installation for the second term.

REPRESENTATIVES—Once more I have been elevated by your suffrages, to the highly important and dignified station of Grand Sire of these United States: I pray you, therefore, to accept my most sincere and affectionate thanks for this expression of your confidence. The highest reward an individual can receive in the discharge of official duty, is the approbation of those to whom his services have been devoted; that I have been guided and influenced during the whole period of my public service by an anxious desire to advance the interest and increase the honor of Odd Fellowship, is most true; but I dare not, cannot flatter myself, that every act of my official conduct has had that effect. The unanimity of your suffrages has made a lasting impression upon my heart, and I am not so vain as to believe but that your friendly feelings has produced an estimate of my public service. From your constituents I have received the most brotherly attentions, and have been the honored object of great demonstrations of respect and attachment: I pray you, in consideration, to return to them my warmest acknowledgements, for their generous hospitalities, and many valued testimonies of esteem. Their regard and your continued confidence has inspired emotions that I will carry to the grave; and whilst recollection has a seat in the tablet of memory, I will cherish the honorable distinction you have this day again conferred upon my weak and feeble exertions in that cause whose incense rises from the altar of benevolence, whilst its fumes cheer the dreary moments of suffering humanity, and mitigates the wants of our fellow-man. The only expression of gratitude that I can offer, is an honest tender of a faithful and impartial discharge of the multifarious duties that will devolve upon me to perform.

Representatives, I do assure you, that the honored object of your partiality would not have been a candidate for the distinguished station that he now occupies, but for the great difficulties that will be experienced on the introduction and organization of Encampments; one false step, at this period, may prove fatal to their being. Their existence will shed a hallowed lustre upon the Order, and the benignity of its influence advance the general interest, promote the general prosperity, and to all secure the participation of the benefits of the sublime degrees. For the accomplishment of those useful and salutary ends, I feel a deep solicitude, and shall buckle on my armor, enter the field, commence the campaign, and cheerfully encounter the toil and fatigue of a veteran, undismayed by difficulty. Onward shall be my motto.

Representatives, I shall on this occasion take the liberty of calling your attention to the first introduction of Odd Fellowship in this country. To impress upon your minds the great and trying difficulties that have been overcome, and of the shoals and quicksands that encompassed its early existence, which perhaps at this time would not have had a "habitation or a name," but for the energetic and never ceasing exertions of those kindred spirits, whose souls were warmed with social love, and whose intelligence operates upon conflicting interest and conflicting materials, were by diligent perseverance brought to bear their alimony to promote the public good. Previous to the year 1818, Odd Fellowship had no existence in this country, and on my arrival in September in that year, great was my astonishment to find that there was no such a thing as an Odd Fellows' lodge established in this city, nor in the United States. Shortly thereafter, I became acquainted with brother John Welch, and after a long conversation and much deliberation, it was concluded to invite by public notice, a meeting of those of the Order who might chance be in Baltimore; the result of which was that five in number assembled, at the time and place designated in the advertisement, which led to the organization of a lodge in this city, and in honor of the great founder of American liberty, was named the Washington, who derived their charter from the Duke of York's Lodge, in Preston, England, proclaiming them the Grand Lodge of Maryland and of the United States; with authority to grant charters in this Western Hemisphere, throughout this widely extended continent. But a short time however elapsed, when it became apparent that the operations of a working lodge materially interfered with those of the Grand Lodge, and they were of necessity divided—the latter to be composed of Past Grands only. A similar difficulty has arisen in relation to the operations of the Grand Lodge, by which their business is obstructed, in dispensing the sublime degrees; and but a

avored few who reside in its vicinity are enabled to receive them. A change has been found expedient, and the Grand Lodge has become entirely a business body, and the higher superior dignitary of Encampments will dispense the sublime degrees.

At an early stage after the organization of the Order, an application was made from Massachusetts, for a warrant or dispensation to establish a lodge in that state. Information by this time had been received of two lodges being opened in New York, and one in the city of Philadelphia, all acting without a charter, and working without a chart or compass. To obviate the dangerous effects of such proceedings, and to produce an union of interests in this country, I addressed a communication to those lodges, apprising them in what manner they could obtain a charter from the Grand Lodge of Maryland and of the United States, and that I should visit them on my way to Boston, and impart all needful information. On my arrival in Philadelphia, I waited on the Pennsylvania Lodge, so called, and urged with great earnestness the propriety and strong necessity of their working and being governed by a regular and legal charter, stated the great advantages that the Order would derive by an uniform co-operation of Odd Fellows in this country, and that unless an union of interest and feeling were established, endless difficulties would arise, strife and contention would rear a hydra head, and discord swallow every advantage and benefit the Order was established to protect. They, after consultation, came to an unanimous conclusion to receive a charter from Maryland, and to aid in the formation of an American interest. From whence I proceeded to New York, and discovered the information originally received, partially incorrect. There was one lodge called the Franklin, working without a charter, and one working under a charter derived from England, called the Columbia, whose charter would not be recognized as a legal instrument by the members of the Franklin. Contention and division arose, the validity of the charter was denied, and the members of the Franklin came to a determination not to meet at all. At this period of their disunion, I visited the Columbia Lodge, and was examined by request or courtesy by members belonging to the Franklin. The examination did not result altogether satisfactory to their manner of working; yet I gained admittance, and was received with unusual cordiality and respect. I stated the object of my mission, and urged the same reasons and arguments that I had employed in Philadelphia, strenuously contending for an uniformity of system of co-operation, and detailed the essential benefits that would be derived to these states. I was then requested to examine the charter, which had been pronounced by the members of the Franklin as illegal, invalid and useless. I gave it an attentive and deliberate perusal, and was compelled, from a conviction of duty, to declare it a legal and authorized charter. The members of the Columbia received my decision with enthusiastic approbation, and desired me to continue one day longer with them, to enable them to effect a reconciliation; which I joyfully acceded to. Both lodges were convened on the following evening; the members of the Columbia generally assembled, and but one member from the Franklin appeared, who stated that he was authorized to say, on behalf of the Franklin Lodge, that they would consent to no reconciliation, or enter into any arrangement of compromise, as they had determined never to recognize the validity of the Columbia's charter. I then handed for his perusal the charter that I was about to deliver to the Massachusetts Lodge, and he instantly pronounced it a legal instrument, and would have no objection to meet under it. Discovering that the object of the meeting would be ineffectual, and determined that no measure should be left untried to effect my purpose, I immediately proposed that the members of the Columbia Lodge apply to the Grand Lodge of Maryland and of the United States for a charter, which they assented to. One point had now been obtained; the greater and more difficult remained to be accomplished—to obtain from them the charter they derived from England; as in the event of their receiving a charter from Maryland, they would be working under a double authority, and perhaps be responsible to neither. A finesse of policy was necessary, and I proposed upon my own responsibility, knowing it would be granted, that if they would give me the charter they received from England, I would pledge myself to present them with a grand charter, to open a Grand Lodge for the state of New York—they having a sufficient number of Past Grands to enable them to hold one. They consented. I proceeded to Boston, opened the Massachusetts Lodge, delivered to them their charter, and opened a Grand Lodge for the state of Massachusetts, and instructed them in every necessary information. I had previously written to the Grand Lodge of Maryland and of the United States, informing them of the result of my negotiation in New York, and desiring them immediately to prepare the charters for the Columbia Lodge,

and forward them addressed to me at New York, so that I could on my return from Boston discharge my obligation. On my return to New York, the charters were waiting for me, and I immediately opened the Columbia, and Grand Lodge of the state of New York, and received the English charter. The charter for the Pennsylvania Lodge had been prepared, likewise the charter for a Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania; and upon my arrival in Philadelphia, I opened the Pennsylvania Lodge, and the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. At this period, it was found impracticable to adhere any longer to the system pursued, for it was incompatible to good sense, and the genius of our free institutions, for the Grand Lodge of Maryland and of the United States to legislate, exclusively, for the states of Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and New York. And to render the affairs of the Order advantageous and prosperous, it was proposed and sanctioned, that the Grand Lodge of Maryland and of the United States deliver over their charters to the states of Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and New York, to incorporate a Grand Lodge of the United States; to be composed of the states of Maryland, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and New York, with all other states, districts or territories within the Union, wherein a Grand Lodge may be legally established—each state, district, or territory having one vote. The constitution, by its provisions, empower the Grand Lodge of the United States to settle all disputes between subordinate and Grand Lodges, and, as the fountain head, to distribute to Grand Lodges whatever may be for the good of the Order.

The constitution of our federal government, framed by the wisdom of the sages of the revolution—wherein twenty-four wheels revolve in one wheel, twenty-four empires in one empire, and twenty-four sovereignties in one sovereignty—acting together in one harmonious concert, the beauty of its symmetry and practical operation has commanded the gratitude of our countrymen and the applause of mankind. Upon this system has been reared the Government of Odd Fellowship; and by it, the Order has been advanced, its interest promoted, and its prosperity secured. This change of government produced a slight innovation upon the powers of the original charter, but the necessity was so evident, that it could not be avoided; and to remove all source of cavil, I crossed the Atlantic to obtain a grand charter for the Grand Lodge of the United States—confirming every act that had been performed, arising from events that human foresight could not control, and to receive such information conducive to the interest and benefit of the Order as they might be able to impart.

By our brothers in England, I was received with the most welcome cordiality and marked testimonies of esteem, and received from the Moveable Committee of Manchester Unity, a grand charter, confirming every act that had been done in America, giving the Grand Lodge of the United States entire jurisdiction to act in its sovereign capacity, in whatsoever things that may be required, not inconsistent to the principles of the Order, and relinquishing on their part, their right to grant any charter in these states.

Subsequently, there has been a Grand Lodge in the District of Columbia duly organized, which was opened by me; and two charters for lodges have been granted in the state of New Jersey, which as yet have not been opened.

The introduction of Encampments has introduced a new era in the history of Odd Fellowship; it completes the representative system of the government we have adopted, which, by its construction, could not be embraced without infringing upon the rights of Grand Lodges; equality of privilege are by them secured, and the benefits of them can be every where dispensed. I feel an anxious desire to witness the existence of an Encampment in every state, yea, in every section of a state where there is established but one subordinate lodge, to render the sublime degrees accessible to all, that light and knowledge may be widely extended, and its effects universally acknowledged. The sublime degrees, without the aid of Encampments, can only be dispensed by a state Grand Lodge, and from its locality, the favored few of its vicinity almost exclusively enjoy the privilege it confers. A country like ours, extended as it is, every state having numerous cities and towns, with a large population within its confines, extending in territory to hundreds of miles, should of itself impress the necessity of providing the means wherewith all can participate in the advantages that the Order confers, and which can only be accomplished by annexing Encampments to the subordinate lodges.

But ten years have elapsed since first Odd Fellowship planted its standard on this soil of freedom. Forty lodges are now enrolled under its banner, and more than five thousand have been initiated into its mysteries. Curiosity has been excited, and an enlarged investigation has been invited to the principles and conduct characterizing

Odd Fellowship. The result has been a great increase of numbers; the S. and G. may be exchanged in almost every town or city of the Union, and its genial influence is rapidly travelling throughout these states; where, ere long, regular lodges will be established, and must flourish, by the unremitting attention of the faithful; and every difficulty which ignorance and prejudice may throw in its path will be overcome, and the sacred flames of friendship will burn upon the altar of the human heart, unquenched by the waters of adversity, ever fed by the oil of affection, and supported by the noble and unappalled front of truth and honor.

SPECIAL SESSIONS.

BALTIMORE, 1830.*

The R. W. Grand Lodge met pursuant to the call of the M. W. Grand Sire, and opened in regular form. THOMAS WILDEY, M. W. G. Sire, presiding.

The Grand Sire informed the Representatives that the Special Meeting was convened for the purpose of considering a petition for a charter for a lodge, to be located at Providence, R. I.

Whereupon, a petition was received from brothers Henry Hobson, Waller McFarlane, John Doran, Francis Chadburn, James Bury, and John Bowcock, praying for a charter for a lodge, to be located at the city of Providence, R. I., and hailed as "Friendly Union Lodge, No. 1."

The application was duly considered, when, on motion, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That the petition be granted, as prayed for.

On motion, the Special Session closed.

AUGUSTUS MATHIOT, *Grand Secretary*.

BALTIMORE, May 27th, 1830.

The R. W. Grand Lodge convened pursuant to the call of the M. W. Grand Sire, and opened in regular form. THOMAS WILDEY, M. W. G. Sire, presiding.

The Grand Sire announced that the Special Meeting was convened for the purpose of acting on a petition for a charter for a lodge, to be located at the borough of Wilmington, Delaware.

Whereupon, a petition was presented from brothers, George McFarlane, James McNeale, Thomas Hill, Simon Robinson, John Scott, Joseph Smith, James Platt, Nelson Ball and L. Manchester, praying for a charter for a lodge, to be located at the borough of Wilmington, state of Delaware, and hailed as "Delaware Lodge, No. 1."

The application having been duly considered, on motion, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the charter be granted, as prayed for.

On motion, the Special Session closed.

AUGUSTUS MATHIOT, *Grand Secretary*.

* 1830.—These minutes bear evidence of not having been written up at the time the meeting took place. They are without day or month, and the year is undoubtedly incorrect. The Moveable Committee, as will be seen by their report, instituted the lodge during their visit to the Order in the eastern part of the jurisdiction. The Committee organized in Philadelphia, on 16th June, 1829, and immediately embarked on the duties in charge. The lodge was therefore opened near that period, and the special session must, of necessity, have been held between the time of the annual session in May and 16th June, 1829. The records of the lodge of this period are not accessible.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION
OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES,

Held at the City of Baltimore, September, 1830.

MONDAY, September 6th, 1830.

The R. W. Grand Lodge convened this day, at Odd Fellow's Hall, city of Baltimore, being the regular Annual Communication, when the following were present:

THOMAS WILDEY,	M. W. G. Sire.
THOMAS SCOTCHBURN,	R. W. D. G. Sire.
AUGUSTUS MATHIOT,	R. W. G. Secretary.
ROBERT GOTT,	W. G. Guardian.
G. M. SAMUEL LUCAS,	Rep. of Maryland.
P. D. G. M. CHARLES BRICE,	Proxy Rep. of Massachusetts.
P. D. G. M. RICHARD MARLEY,	Proxy Rep. of New York.
P. G. JOHN H. CAMPBELL,	Rep. of Pennsylvania.
G. M. JAMES GETTYS,	Rep. of District of Columbia.

The credentials of the Representatives were then examined, and found correct.

The Grand Lodge was then organized.

The proceedings of the last Annual Communication, and of the Special Meetings, were read and approved.

Communications were presented and read from the several Grand and Subordinate Lodges, and ordered on file.

The D. Grand Sire read the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Rep. Lucas, of Maryland, presented the report of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, from which it appears there are now working under its jurisdiction, five subordinate lodges, containing 372 contributing members; and who have initiated during the past year 337 candidates. The receipts for the year are \$2,427. Two members have been expelled, and one suspended. The Encampment contains 30 members. The Order is in a very flourishing condition in Maryland, and the Representative thinks he has every reason to believe it will so continue. They are now erecting a spacious hall, which they presume will be finished by the close of the year.

Reps. Brice, of Massachusetts, and Marley, of New York, not having received the official report of the Grand Lodges of those states, were unable to state their precise condition.

Rep. Campbell, of Pennsylvania, presented the report of the Grand Lodge of said state, which gave the gratifying intelligence, that they have working under their jurisdiction 33 subordinate lodges, containing 2,247

contributing, and 15 honorary members. Their receipts for the past year have been \$12,905 20. Giving an increase in initiations over last year, of 409, and an increase of receipts over last year of \$7,093 17, and an increase of members in the Grand Lodge of 79. They have likewise working under the Grand Lodge, a Grand Encampment, containing 10 members, an Encampment subordinate to it, containing 80 contributing members. Also, four degree lodges.*

Rep. Gettys, of the District of Columbia, presented the report of the Grand Lodge of said District, stating that they have working under their jurisdiction 4 subordinate lodges, two of which have been opened the present year. They have admitted since last report, 23 contributing, and 3 honorary members. Their number of contributing members is 80, and their receipts amount to \$395 28. They have also in contemplation the opening of an Encampment.

The Grand Sire reported on the two lodges in New Jersey, and the one in Providence, Rhode Island; and although they are not so flourishing as he could have wished, yet considering the short date of their existence, he thinks there is no cause of complaint, but every reason to believe they will progress and flourish.

The Representatives having concluded their reports, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That the several Grand Lodges instruct the officers of the subordinate lodges under their jurisdiction, to cause all travelling certificates to be endorsed in the proper hand writing of the brother applying for the same, for the purpose of identity.

Resolved, That all the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, relative to the late "Pennsylvania Lodge, No. 1,"† and its several members, be approved, and the same is hereby confirmed.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the several Grand Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, to hold and keep a direct correspondence by letter, with their several Proxies.

Resolved, That the powers of the Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the United States, are contained in the Constitution of the said Grand Lodge.

On motion, the following preamble and resolution was adopted :

Whereas, A Constitution and By-Laws has recently appeared, purporting to be the "Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, established by authority of the Grand Lodge of Ma-

* *Degree Lodges*.—This is the first institution, by regular organization, of a body in the Order for the exclusive purpose of conferring the degrees. Formerly it was a general practice for the members to assemble at their "lodge house" on the Sabbath day, and for the N. G. of the lodge, or such person as he might select for the purpose, "to deliver lecture," as it was termed. It was then changed to meeting on some convenient evening in the week, but without organization, or any certainty of being provided with competent assistance to perform the ceremony with proper effect. This practice obtains under many of the Grand Lodges at the present time. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was the first to discover the means by which the N. G.'s of the subordinate lodges could be relieved from duties ostensibly theirs, and to transfer the same to those who had gradually acquired experience, and whose attention would not necessarily be diverted from improving on their qualifications by the cares and responsibilities incident to the charge of the lodge while in session, and of the sick and distressed during its vacation. The example has been followed by other Grand Lodges, with signal advantage to the efficiency of the administration of the degrees, and to the uniformity of work.

† *Late Pennsylvania Lodge, No. 1*.—The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania expelled this lodge for contumacy in pertinaciously resisting the order of the Grand Lodge, on an appeal to extend the weekly benefits of the lodge to a sick member. The Grand Lodge, in this case, acted with proper decision and self-respect, and was thereby enabled to sustain itself and the Order in its jurisdiction, against the efforts of a combination of vindictiveness, jealousy and insubordination. A spurious organization took place, and an assumption of being possessed of the rightful powers of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was asserted. It remained a sufficient time in operation to deceive many well meaning members of the community, by drawing them into their association: thereby furnishing itself with the means of a speedy dissolution. The Grand Lodge restored the charter to the minority, who had ineffectually sustained the decision in favor of rendering aid to the sick.

ryland and of the United States, revised and adopted at their new hall, North Fifth street, Philadelphia, February 23d, 1830," which Constitution and By-Laws are calculated to mislead, inasmuch as the said Grand Lodge of Maryland and of the United States has dissolved, and became extinct on the 22d February, 1825, and no charter has ever been granted to the said self-styled Grand Lodge:—Therefore,

Resolved, That said lodge claiming to be established by authority above stated, is spurious, and unauthorised by any competent jurisdiction.

The very able and elaborate report* of the Moveable Committee, detailing their operations minutely, in visiting the Grand and Subordinate

* *Report of the Moveable Committee.*—The report on file is one of those documents which the Order feels interest in, as exhibiting its progress. And although not drawn up as circumstantially in relation to date, as would be acceptable, not having been designed for publication, it is here inserted:

"To the Right Worthy the Representatives of the Grand Lodge of the United States, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

"The Moveable Committee appointed by your R. W. body, beg leave to report, that they have discharged the duty assigned them, in part, and herewith present the result.

"On the 15th June, the Grand Mre left his residence in Baltimore for Philadelphia. On his arrival, he was met by a committee of the Order and a number of brethren, who escorted him to Congress Hall, where apartments had been assigned for his accommodation. After his arrival, he associated himself with P. G. M. Small, in the discharge of the object of the visit. The Committee visited the Grand Lodge, and were received with the highest honors. On that occasion, the Committee addressed the officers and members of the Grand Lodge, stating the objects and views of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and requesting such information as they had to impart on the condition of the Order under their government. The information communicated to your Committee was of a very gratifying character, and highly honorable to those associated in the cause of Odd Fellowship in the state of Pennsylvania. The landmarks of the Order are strictly adhered to, and the principles of our society every where enforced. Union and brotherly attachment exist among each other, and a noble emulation is kept up to advance the interest and honor of the Order, and to extend its influence over the whole state; and success has attended their exertions beyond their most sanguine expectations. Your Committee also visited most of the subordinate lodges, and found them in a very prosperous condition, conducting their business in a highly satisfactory manner. Your Committee also opened an Encampment of Patriarchs, which organization was received with the greatest approbation, and gave general satisfaction.

"Your Committee then visited the state of New York, and were received with every demonstration of respect and attachment. They made every proper inquiry into the proceedings of that state, and report that they are conforming in every particular to the general usages of the Order. They are prosperous, and are extending the principles of Odd Fellowship, while there is every appearance of greatly augmenting their numbers. Your Committee also opened and installed an Encampment of Patriarchs in this state, which was received with the same enthusiasm as was manifested at Philadelphia. The Order in Albany is in a very flourishing condition. New York and Pleasant Valley are at a stand; but perhaps they are as prosperous as could be reasonably expected. Your Committee admired the difference existing between the Grand Lodge of the state and Strangers' Refuge Lodge, when the latter was re-instated and established in the full privileges of the Order.

"Your Committee then visited Massachusetts, and on their arrival found the state in great confusion and disorganization. There was no Grand Master, and no meetings of the Grand Lodge, and apparently no person to give information. In this aspect of affairs, your Committee waited on P. G. Robinson, whom we ascertained had been elected Grand Master some months previous. The Grand Lodge was convened the next day, when your Committee informed them of the object of their mission, and spoke at large upon their condition; having discovered it to be of a nature that required the most urgent consideration. Every regulation of the Order had been neglected, and nothing enforced. There was no money in the treasury, nor in those of the subordinate lodges in the vicinity of Boston. A large sum remained due for rent, and almost every member appeared as treasurer, or having acted as such. Your Committee waited on as many as they could find, and discovered that some had given and paid away more money than they had received. Others were of opinion that they had money in their hands, but did not know how much, as no accounts had been kept, and the books could not be procured. Confusion existed in every department; and in sending to Taunton for the per centage, it appeared that the expenses of the person sent to collect it amounted to more than was due. No person was acting as head, or any willing to unite in enforcing the regulations of the Order. In this state of things, your Committee determined to place every member on an equality in station, and leave them to select such as would attend to the duties required. A resolution was adopted requiring those who had money in their possession to pay it over to the Grand Lodge, and that in future the per centage should be required to be remitted with the necessary report. It was requested that the Grand Master and members should zealously co-operate in advancing the interest of the Order. They promised your Committee to retain all moneys that should be received by the Grand Lodge, to be sent to the Grand Mre, to liquidate the debt due by them to the Grand Lodge of the United States. A bond for the amount of the debt was taken by your Committee, who received every assurance that it would be speedily paid. They pledged themselves to sustain the interest, and to secure the approbation of the Order at home and abroad. Your Committee opened an Encampment then, which was received with the highest satisfaction. They would give it as their opinion that no state presents a more ample field for the cultivation of Odd Fellowship than Massachusetts, and by proper exertions an abundant harvest might be gathered in. The evils existing are to be attributed entirely to neglect; no state having more excellent members or better men. Your Committee visited the lodge at Roxbury, and were received with unusual honor; and they are happy to report that this lodge is in a very prosperous condition, and its members worthy the honorable appellation of Odd Fellows. They were disposed to do every thing in their power to promote the interest of the Order. Your Committee visited the lodge at Taunton, and were received in a flattering and gratifying manner. They are happy

Lodges in Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey, was presented, read, and ordered to be filed in the archives of the Grand Lodge.

Whereupon, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge are due to the Moveable Committee for their indefatigable exertions in the discharge of their duty.

On motion, the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That the Grand Sire, and the Representatives of Massachusetts and New York, be, and they are hereby appointed a conjoint committee, with full power to settle all differences now existing between this Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodges of each of those states, to do all things and matters in their opinion conducive to the welfare of the Order.

Resolved, That the necessary expense incurred by the foregoing resolution, be paid by this Grand Lodge : provided each of the said Grand Lodges do not pay their respective proportions of said expenses.

On motion, the Grand Lodge closed the Annual Session.

AUGUSTUS MATHIOT, *Grand Secretary*.

Annual Report of the Grand and Subordinate Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., commencing May, 1829, and ending September, 1830.

LODGES.	Where held.	States.	No. of Lodges.	Initiations.	Suspensions.	Expulsions.	Revenue.	Contributing Members.	Remarks
G. L. of Maryland,	Baltimore,	Md.	5	337	1	2	\$ 2,427 00	709	
" Massachusetts,	Boston,	Mass.	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	No report.
" New York,	Albany,	N. Y.	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	" "
" Pennsylvania,	Philadelphia,	Penn.	33	1238	2	12	12,905 20	2247	
" Dis. of Columbia,	Washington,	D. C.	4	23	.....	.....	395 28	80	
New Jersey, No. 1,	Camden,	N. J.	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	No report.
Benevolent, " 2,	Paterson,	N. J.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	" "
Friendly Union, " 1,	Providence,	R. I.	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	" "
			58	1598	3	14	\$15,727 48	3036	

Suspensions and Expulsions.

In Maryland—Suspended, Gabriel Isaacs, improper conduct. Expelled, P. G. Samuel Bickley, and S. H. P. Lyman.

In Pennsylvania—Suspended, James Weldon and Charles Healy, improper conduct. Expelled, P. G. Wiltbohn, John Hoglebates, Henry Hopp, J. Kraiger, Wadlow Jesu Clayton, William Cornwell, John W. Ticker, Samuel Hopkins, Thomas Bedford, John Burrows, Bernard Luke, and E. T. Weaver.

In having it in their power to state that this lodge is in a flourishing condition, and that its members transact their business in the very spirit of Odd Fellowship. Harmony and brotherly love exist among them, and there is a united disposition to increase their strength.

"After leaving Massachusetts, your Committee proceeded to Providence, Rhode Island. They here opened Friendly Union Lodge, No. 1, whose charter had previously been granted. Their officers were installed, and furnished with every requisite instruction.

"Your Committee visited Paterson, in the state of New Jersey, and opened Benevolent Lodge, No. 2. The officers were installed, and informed of their duty. They were left in a prosperous condition, with an excellent set of members, who are eminently conversant with the duties and regulations of the Order. Your Committee also visited Camden, in New Jersey, and opened New Jersey Lodge, No. 1, installed their officers, furnished them with all necessary information, and left them with a good prospect of future success.

"Thus has terminated the labors of your Committee, as far as they have progressed. They have not yet visited the District of Columbia. The Committee hope their labors will be attended with the most salutary consequences, and that they will essentially promote the prospects and advantages of our beloved Order.

THOMAS WILDEY.
THOMAS SMALL."

SPECIAL SESSIONS.

BALTIMORE, September 26th, 1830.

R. W. Grand Lodge met in Special Session, pursuant to the call of L. W. Grand Sire, and opened in regular form. THOMAS WILDEY, G. Sire, presiding.

Grand Sire stated that the Grand Lodge was assembled for the purpose of considering a petition for a charter for a lodge to be located at Cincinnati, Ohio.

In response, a petition was presented from brothers Nath. Estling, C. Harbrace, J. Hok, T. Bellford and J. Gill, praying for a charter for a lodge to be located at Cincinnati, Ohio, and hailed as "Ohio Lodge, No. 1." The petition having been duly considered, and it appearing that the five petitioners were from the state of Pennsylvania, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to communicate with the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and ascertain if possible the standing of the aforesaid petitioners; and should the report be favorable to the applicants, to request said lodge to appoint D. G. M. Paul, of said state, as her Representative, in the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Resolved further, That the said Grand Lodge, and the other Grand Lodges, be requested to examine the propriety of altering Article X, of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States, so as to permit the appointment of any qualified person to open a lodge.

At the conclusion of the Special Session, the Grand Lodge closed the Special Session.

AUGUSTUS MATHIOT, *Grand Secretary.*

BALTIMORE, October 31st, 1830.

R. W. Grand Lodge met in Special Session, pursuant to the call of L. W. Grand Sire, and opened in regular form. THOMAS WILDEY, G. Sire, presiding.

Grand Sire announced that the Grand Lodge was convened for the purpose of further considering the application for a charter for a lodge to be located at Cincinnati, Ohio.

In response, the Grand Secretary presented a favorable report from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, respecting the standing of the petitioners for a lodge at Cincinnati, Ohio.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That a charter for a lodge be granted to Nath. Estling and others, to be located at Cincinnati, and hailed as "Ohio Lodge, No. 1."

Boyd, of Pennsylvania, then presented the credentials of D. G. M. Paul, Representative of said state, which were examined and found

Grand Sire announced the appointment of Rep. Paul, to institute Ohio Lodge, No. 1, at Cincinnati, and authorized him to draw upon the Grand Lodge of said lodge for the necessary expenses.

At the conclusion of the Special Session, the Grand Lodge closed the Special Session.

AUGUSTUS MATHIOT, *Grand Secretary.*

BALTIMORE, February 20th, 1831.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met in Special Session, pursuant to the call of the M. W. Grand Sire, and opened in regular form. THOMAS WILDEY, M. W. G. Sire, presiding.

The Grand Sire informed the Representatives that the Grand Lodge was specially convened for the purpose of acting on a petition for a charter for a lodge, to be located at New Orleans.

A petition was then presented from P. D. G. M. Joel C. Davis, P. G. Francis C. Davis, and brothers William J. Orr, Joseph Price, William Willis, John F. Barnes, William Brown, Joseph F. Irish, John Malone and Daniel Buckley, praying for a charter for a lodge, to be located at New Orleans, and hailed as "Louisiana Lodge, No. 1."*

After due deliberation on the propriety of granting the petition, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the petition be granted, as prayed for.

The Grand Sire then announced the appointment of brother Brown, to institute said Lodge.

On motion, the Grand Lodge closed the Special Session.

AUGUSTUS MATHIOT, *Grand Secretary*.

BALTIMORE, February 22d, 1831.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met in Special Session, pursuant to the call of the M. W. Grand Sire, and opened in regular form. THOMAS WILDEY, M. W. G. Sire, presiding.

The Grand Sire stated that this Special Session of the Grand Lodge was convened for the purpose of considering the application for a charter for a Grand Lodge, to be located at Wilmington, Delaware, and certain propositions to be submitted for consideration at the next Annual Communication.

Whereupon, a petition was presented from P. G's McAnnal, Scott, McNeal, Robinson and McFarlane, praying for a charter for a Grand Lodge of Delaware,† to be located at Wilmington.

The application having been duly considered, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

The following propositions were submitted for consideration at the next Annual Communication.

By Rep. Lucas, of Maryland—That a Grand Treasurer be appointed.

By Rep. Boyd, of Pennsylvania—That all communications for the Grand Lodge, be addressed through the medium of the Grand Secretary, and not through the Grand Sire, as heretofore. Also,

That the obligation of the Grand Sire be so modified as to conform with the power vested in him by the Constitution.

On motion, the Grand Lodge closed the Special Session.

AUGUSTUS MATHIOT, *Grand Secretary*.

* *Louisiana Lodge, No. 1*.—Strong efforts had been made to establish the Order in New Orleans from 1825, but until this time had proved ineffectual.

† *Grand Lodge of Delaware*.—The organization of this Grand Lodge took place on June 27th, 1831. The archives furnish no other particulars, than that John Scott was installed Grand Master at that time.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION
OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES,
Held at the City of Baltimore, September, 1831.

MONDAY, September 5th, 1831.

The R. W. Grand Lodge convened this day, at Odd Fellows' Hall, city of Baltimore, being the regular Annual Communication, when the following were present :

<p>THOMAS WILDEY, THOMAS SCOTCHBURN, AUGUSTUS MATHIOT, WILLIAM HALL, P. G. JAMES L. RIDGELY, P. D. G. M. CHARLES BRICE, P. D. G. M. RICHARD MARLEY, P. G. WILLIAM J. A. BIRKEY, G. M. JAMES GETTYS, P. G. JOHN BOYD,</p>	<p>M. W. G. Sire. R. W. D. G. Sire. R. W. G. Secretary. W. G. Guardian, <i>p. t.</i> Rep. of Maryland. Proxy Rep. of Massachusetts. Proxy Rep. of New York. Rep. of Pennsylvania. Rep. of District of Columbia. Proxy Rep. of Delaware.</p>
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The credentials of the several Representatives were presented and found correct.

The Grand Lodge was then duly organized.

The proceedings of the last Annual Communication, and of the Special Sessions, were read and approved.

Communications were presented and read from the several Grand and Subordinate Lodges, and placed on file.

The Moveable Committee, to whom was referred the amicable adjustment of the differences existing between the Grand Lodge of the United States, and the Grand Lodges of the states of Massachusetts and New York, reported that as yet they had been unable to effect any efficient arrangement of the matter.

The Grand Sire called upon the Representatives from the various state and district Grand Lodges, to lay before the Grand Lodge their respective reports.

When Rep. Brice, of Massachusetts, stated that the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts has under her jurisdiction 4 subordinate lodges and an Encampment, but no report having been received, he was unable to enter into the particulars of the Order in the state.

Rep. Marley, of New York, presented the report of the Grand Lodge of New York, by which it appears that said Grand Lodge is composed of 20 Free Grand Lodges, and has under its jurisdiction 4 subordinate lodges. In connection with their report, the officers of the Grand Lodge of New York regret

that the subordinate lodges have not made their report in season, so as to enable them to report minutely to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Rep. Birkey, of Pennsylvania, presented the report of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, by which it appears they have one state Grand Lodge, containing 224 Past Grands, one Grand Encampment of Patriarchs, composed of 16 members, two Encampments subordinate to the Grand Encampment, containing 32 contributing members. They have initiated 1282 persons, making the total amount of contributing members 2753, and 21 honorary members. The amount of receipts of the lodges since last session, is \$15,822 42, exclusive of four lodges who have not sent in their reports.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania close their report by stating, "It gives us pleasure to inform you that the Order in this state is still increasing in numbers and respectability. You will perceive that since our last report we have granted seven new charters for lodges, one for an Encampment, and one for a degree lodge."

The Delaware Grand Lodge is located in the borough of Wilmington, but in consequence of the demise of one of the Past Grands, and the absence of another, the remainder were not competent to act as a Grand Lodge; consequently no report was received from the lodges in that state.

Delaware Lodge, No. 1, made a representation of the incompetency of said Grand Lodge in the premises, and claimed restoration of original charter.

When, on motion, the subject was referred to Rep's Gettys, of District of Columbia; Birkey of Pennsylvania; and Marley, of New York.

No report was received from Friendly Union Lodge, located in the town of Providence, Rhode Island.

The Grand Sire presented several communications from the Manchester Annual Moveable Committee and other sources of information, which represents the Order among our transatlantic brethren, as increasing in numbers and respectability, in a ratio equalling its progress on this side the Atlantic.

Rep. Birkey, of Pennsylvania, submitted the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to forward a copy of the resolutions passed May 8th, 1828, respecting the working S's of the Order.

Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland, submitted the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a Grand Treasurer be appointed.

Whereupon, G. M. Lucas and P. G. Hall, of Maryland, were nominated for Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election, and on counting the ballots, P. G. WILLIAM HALL, having received a majority of the votes cast, was declared duly elected R. W. Grand Treasurer.*

On motion, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That all communications to this Grand Lodge be addressed through the medium of the Grand Secretary, and not the Grand Sire as heretofore.

Rep. Birkey, of Pennsylvania, submitted the following resolutions, which were adopted.

1st. That each state Grand Lodge furnish, annually, the name of the street and No. of the house wherein their respective subordinate lodges hold their meetings.

* *Grand Treasurer.*—Until this period, the duties of Grand Treasurer had been performed by the Grand Sire.

29th That it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States, to furnish every state Grand Lodge, annually, with the name of the street and No. of the house, wherein every lodge is held, acting immediately or mediately under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States

3d. That the present Grand Sire discharge the duties of that office from the expiration of his present term until the ensuing Annual Meeting of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland, submitted the following resolutions, which were adopted :

1st. That the Royal Purple Degree shall be a necessary qualification for the Representatives in the Grand Lodge of the United States.

2d. That the Grand Lodge of the United States, is the only legitimate depository for granting charters to open lodges and Encampments in foreign states, districts or territories in America.

3d. That when this Grand Lodge adjourns, it adjourns to meet on the first Monday in March.

4th. That a committee be appointed for the purpose of remodelling the funeral ceremony used in the Order.

The Grand Sire announced as the committee on the last resolution, Reps. Ridgely, of Maryland ; Birkey, of Pennsylvania ; and Gettys, of District of Columbia.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the committee report to the Grand Lodge at the Adjourned Session in March.

On motion of Rep. Gettys, of District of Columbia, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Sire be and is hereby authorized to procure from England a sufficient number of Magazines, and distribute them among the Grand Lodges, charging the same among the current expenses of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Gettys, of District of Columbia, from the special committee to whom was referred the difference between the Grand Lodge of Delaware, and Delaware Lodge, No. 1, of said state, submitted the following, which was adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The committee to whom was referred the difference between the Delaware Grand Lodge, and Lodge No. 1, of Delaware, have examined all documents laid before them relative to the same, and beg leave to report, that they are of the unanimous opinion that the Grand Lodge of Delaware does not contain Past Grands sufficient to entitle them to work as a Grand Lodge, agreeable to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States, to whom and to whom only they are subject.

JAMES GETTYS,
W. J. A. BIRKEY,
RICHARD MARLEY.

Rep. Birkey, of Pennsylvania, submitted the following resolutions, which were adopted.

1st. That the Grand Lodge of Delaware be directed to deliver forthwith to the Grand Lodge of the United States, their Grand Charter, the same being forfeited by a disability to work, to wit: the want of five Past Grands.

2d. That the Grand Lodge of the state of Delaware, be directed to return to Delaware Lodge, No. 1, the charter granted by this Grand Lodge, it being the only charter by which said Delaware Lodge No. 1, can legally work ; the said Lodge No. 1, being amenable only to this Grand Lodge.

3d. That the Grand Sire return the charter to the Grand Lodge of Delaware so soon as there shall be an application received from five legal Past Grands of the said state of Delaware.

A petition was received from sundry Past Grands of Cincinnati, viz: Nathaniel Estling, J. Joseph, Richard G. Cheavaus, Jacob Holt, James W. Brice, praying for a Grand Charter, to open a Grand Lodge in said State.

On motion, the petition was referred to a special committee of three, viz.

Reps. Birkey of Pennsylvania; Gettys, of District of Columbia; and Marley, of New York.

A petition was received from brothers John W. Peterson, J. S. Hedges, Zenas B. Glazier, James S. Whits, Jacob M. Garretson, William Ford and Jesse Starple, praying for a charter for a lodge to be located at Wilmington, Delaware, and hailed by the title of "Jefferson Lodge, No. 2."

On motion, the petition was referred to a special committee.*

The special committee to whom was referred the petition of John W. Peterson and others, reported that they were unable to agree; when, on motion, the committee was discharged and the whole subject referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Whereupon, on motion, the Grand Lodge resolved itself into Committee of the Whole.

The Committee of the Whole having had the subject of the aforesaid petition under consideration, rose and reported to the Grand Lodge favorably to the application.

When, on motion, the report was accepted, and the petition granted as prayed for.

Rep. Birkey, of Pennsylvania, from the special committee to whom was referred the application for the Grand Lodge of Ohio, submitted the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The special committee to whom was referred the petition of P. G. N. Estling and others, praying for a charter for a Grand Lodge, to be located at Cincinnati, Ohio, report.

That having no evidence that the petitioners had regularly passed the chair of the N. G. and thus rendered themselves legally competent, would therefore earnestly recommend that the Grand Secretary transmit a copy of this report to the applicants, and upon satisfactory information being obtained on that point, the Grand Lodge grant the Charter.†

W. J. A. BIRKEY,
JAMES GETTYS,
RICHARD MARLEY.

On motion, the report was adopted.

A petition was received from Patriarchs James L. Ridgely, Joseph Banister, John Boyd, P. C. P., Augustus Mathiot, C. P. of No. 2, Samuel

* *Special Committee.*—It does not appear who composed this committee.

† *Grant the Charter.*—It subsequently appearing that there were a sufficient number of Past Grands in membership in Ohio, the grand charter was accordingly issued, and the Grand Lodge was instituted on January 28th, 1832. The following Grand Officers were installed: David Stuart, M. W. G. M.; Samuel Fell, R. W. D. G. M.; Hiram Marks, R. W. G. W.; Samuel Cobb, R. W. G. S.; William W. West, R. W. G. T.

Lucas, C. P. of No. 1, and Thomas Scotchburn, P. C. P., praying for a charter to open a Grand Encampment in Baltimore, Maryland. When, on motion of Rep. Gettys, of District of Columbia, it was

Resolved, That the Charter be granted* as prayed for.

The business before the Grand Lodge being concluded, Rep. Birkey, of Pennsylvania, embraced the opportunity of tendering to P. G. John Boyd, late Proxy in the Grand Lodge of the United States, for the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, in testimony of their regard for his services rendered in this body, a beautiful memento of esteem, prefacing the presentation with an able and eloquent address, highly complimentary to our worthy P. G. John Boyd. The medal is a circular tablet of silver, neatly enclosed in a frame of the same metal, and having engraved on the one side, three columns terminating respectively in a hand, a heart, and a flame, and based on an altar, whose pannels or tablets are decorated with emblems of the Order, the whole surmounted with an all-seeing eye, and encircled with the motto of the Order, "Amicitia, Amor et Veritas." On the opposite side is engraved the following inscription, "Presented September 5th, 1831, by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, of the I. O. of O. F., to P. G. John Boyd, late Proxy of this Grand Lodge in the Grand Lodge of the United States, as a testimony of respect and regard for his unremitting attention to the interest of the Order in this state."

On motion, the Grand Lodge closed the Annual Session.

AUGUSTUS MATHIOT, *Grand Secretary*.

Report of the acting Grand Treasurer.

DR. GRAND LODGE of U. S., in account with T. WILDEY, G. Sire. CR.

To Cash for stationary, - - \$	2 50	By Cash for charters and per centage from	
" " extra postage, - -	2 75	lodges in states wherein no Grand	
" " Secretary's salary, -	30 00	Lodge is located, - -	\$901 47
" " printing and binding, -	16 00		
" " filling charters, &c. -	63 00		
" balance on hand, - -	87 23		
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* *Be granted*.—This is the first authorization by the Grand Lodge of the United States of a Grand Encampment. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania had, however, previously discovered the incongruity of a Grand Lodge composed, as it might be, of persons who had not attained to the Patriarchal degree, retaining direct government over the Encampments, and had already compromised the difficulty, by delegating a portion of what was deemed her sovereignty, to a Grand Encampment, which body remained for a number of years subordinate to that Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge of Maryland, so soon as the impropriety of retaining jurisdiction over Encampments became apparent, followed her own example of surrendering power into the hands of a competent body; and on 17th January, 1832, when the two Encampments which had been organized under her jurisdiction were in readiness, and the Grand Encampment authorized, was prepared for action, adopted the following:

Resolved, That for the purpose of vesting undisputed and absolute jurisdiction to charter subordinate Encampments, and all rights necessary thereto, in the Grand Encampment, this Grand Lodge doth hereby relinquish to said Grand Encampment, and vest therein, all the rights, if any, the said Grand Lodge now possesses over Encampments in this state."

The Grand Encampment was duly instituted, and set up its tent in the city of Baltimore, on the 21st of December; when the subjoined officers were installed, to wit: Thomas Wikley, M. W. G. P. Samuel Lucas, M. E. G. H. P., John H. O'Donovan, R. W. G. W.; McClintock Young, R. W. G. S.; John Boyd, R. W. G. T.; John N. Murphy, W. G. Junior; William Hall, W. Asst. G. Junior.

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LODGES.	Where held.	States.	No. of Lodges.	Initiations.	Suspensions.	Expulsions.	Revenue.	Contributing Members.	Remarks
G. L. of Maryland,	Baltimore,	Md.	12	789	1	..	\$ 9,438 77	1500	
" Massachusetts,	Boston,	Mass.	4	...	...	...	...	...	No report.
" New York,	Albany,	N. Y.	4	...	...	...	...	...	" "
" Pennsylvania,	Philadelphia,	Penn.	38	1282	14	7	15,822 42	2753	
" Dis. of Columbia,	Washington,	D. C.	5	36	...	...	481 95	99	
Delaware, No. 1,	Wilmington,	Del.	1	...	...	...	...	...	No report.
New Jersey, No. 1,	Camden,	N. J.	2	...	...	...	...	...	" "
Benevolent, " 2,	Paterson,	N. J.	1	14	4	..	149 38	36	
Friendly Union, " 1,	Providence,	R. I.	1	...	...	...	...	...	No Report.
Ohio, " 1,	Cincinnati,	Ohio.	1	14	1	..	213 00	28	
Louisiana, " 1,	New Orleans,	La.	1	31	...	...	359 00	35	
			69	2166	20	7	\$26,464 52	4451	

Expulsions.

In Pennsylvania—James Walden, George Penick, Anias Eaton, Wm. Haydock, F. S. Byrnn, S. J. Johnson, Wm. R. Gilmer, improper conduct.

ADJOURNED SESSION.

BALTIMORE, March 5th, 1832.

The R. W. Grand Lodge convened this day, pursuant to adjournment, at Odd Fellows' Hall, city of Baltimore, and opened in regular form. THOMAS WILDEY, M. W. G. Sire, presiding.

The special committee to whom was referred the subject of revising the funeral ceremony, reported that they were not as yet prepared to make a full report on the subject submitted to their charge.

A petition was received from brothers Joel C. Davis, Francis C. Davis, T. Lossing, William Colliston, Thomas Vernon, Millville Crossman, A. W. Scates and D. Siddle, praying for a charter for an Encampment of Patriarchs, to be located at New Orleans, and hailed by the title of "Wil-
dey Encampment, No. 1."

When, on motion, the following was adopted :

Resolved, That the petition be granted, as prayed for.

A petition was received from P. G's Joel C. Davis, Francis C. Davis, Millville Crossman, T. Lossing and A. W. Scates, praying for a charter for a Grand Lodge* for the state of Louisiana, and to be located at the city of New Orleans.

Whereupon, on motion, the following was adopted :

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners for a Grand Charter for the Grand Lodge of Louisiana,* be granted.

On motion, the Grand Lodge closed the Adjourned Session.

AUGUSTUS MATHIOT, *Grand Secretary.*

* *Grand Lodge of Louisiana.*—This Grand Lodge was instituted on 11th January, 1833, when the following Grand Officers were installed: Joel C. Davis, M. W. G. M.; Millville Crossman, R. W. D. G. M.; William Colliston, R. W. G. W.; A. W. Scates, R. W. G. S.; David Siddle, R. W. G. T.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION
OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES,

Held at the City of Baltimore, September, 1832.

MONDAY, September 3d, 1832.

The R. W. Grand Lodge convened this day at Odd Fellows' Hall, city of Baltimore, being the regular Annual Communication, when the following were present:

THOMAS WILDEY,	M. W. G. Sire.
WILLIAM HALL,	R. W. D. G. Sire, <i>p. t.</i>
SAMUEL PRYOR,	R. W. G. Secretary, <i>p. t.</i>
ROBERT GOTT,	W. G. Guardian.
P. G. GEORGE KEYSER,	Rep. of Maryland.
P. D. G. M. CHARLES BRICE,	Proxy Rep. of Massachusetts.
P. D. G. M. RICHARD MARLEY,	Proxy Rep. of New York.
P. G. HOWELL HOPKINS,	Rep. of Pennsylvania.
P. G. JOHN BRANNAN,	Proxy Rep. Dist. Columbia.

The credentials of the Representatives were presented, examined, and found correct.

The Grand Lodge was then regularly organized.

The proceedings of the last Annual Communication, and Adjourned Session, were read and approved.

A communication was received from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, enclosing a petition from Patriarchs Wm. West, David T. Stewart, P. Fuel, and Brs. Samuel Cobb, A. A. Pruden, Hiram Marks and Samuel Peil, for a charter for an Encampment of Patriarchs, to be located at Cincinnati, Ohio, and to be hailed as "Wilkey Encampment, No. 1."

On motion, the petition was referred to Rep's Keyser, of Maryland; Hopkins, of Pennsylvania; and Brannan, of District of Columbia.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, presented the appeal of James McAnis against the decision of Delaware Lodge, No. 1, together with sundry documents.

On motion, the appeal and accompanying documents, were referred to Reps. Keyser, of Maryland; Hopkins, of Pennsylvania; and Brannan, of District of Columbia.

The Representatives and Proxies informed the Grand Lodge that they had been approached by their several Grand Lodges with the annual reports.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, submitted the following, which on motion, was read on the table:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge will now proceed to the election of Great Sire.

On motion of Rep. Keyser, of Maryland, the Grand Lodge adjourned to to-morrow, P. M.

MONDAY, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge convened pursuant to adjournment. Present as at the morning session.

On motion of Rep. Keyser, the following was adopted :

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to inform Delaware Lodge, No. 1, of the appeal of P. G. James McAnnal, and the appointment of a committee, and that they furnish their proofs to said committee.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of William West and others, praying for an Encampment of Patriarchs at Cincinnati, submitted the following report, which was accepted, and the resolution adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The undersigned, a special committee, to whom was referred the petition of Wm. West and others, praying for an Encampment of Patriarchs to be located at Cincinnati, Ohio, and hailed by the title of "Wilkey Encampment, of Patriarchs, No. 1," have considered the subject, and recommend the adoption of the accompanying resolution.

GEORGE KEYSER,
HOWELL HOPKINS,
JOHN BRANNAN.

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

The resolution relative to the election of Grand Sire was then taken up for consideration, and after an animated debate, was decided in the negative.

Rep. Keyser, of Maryland, submitted the following preamble and resolution, which was adopted :

Whereas, The M. W. Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the United States, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, has thought it advisable in consequence of the prevailing epidemic throughout our country, to communicate to the several state Grand Lodges, that the Grand Lodge of the United States would meet in the city of Baltimore, on the first Monday of September, *pro forma*, and adjourn unto some future time, of which they should be duly notified : Therefore—

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge, when it adjourns this evening, stands adjourned until the first Monday in March next; and that the present M. W. Grand Sire, R. W. D. Grand Sire, R. W. Grand Secretary, R. W. Grand Treasurer, and W. Grand Guardian, continue to discharge the duties of their respective offices until a new election, which shall take place at the said Adjourned Session, and have the same effect as though the election for said officers had taken place this day.

Rep. Keyser, of Maryland, submitted the following, which was adopted :

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to consider whether any, and if any, what alterations and amendments are necessary to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and report the same at the Adjourned Session of the Grand Lodge, to be held on the first Monday in March next.

The Grand Sire announced the following as the committee :

Rep. Keyser, of Maryland ; Brice, of Massachusetts ; and Brannan, of District of Columbia.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

* *Prevailing Epidemic.*—The epidemic alluded to was the first visitation of the Asiatic cholera ; and the time of meeting was in the midst of its ravages, while the whole length and breadth of the land was in the deepest consternation and alarm.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary have two hundred copies of the proceedings of this meeting of the Grand Lodge, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, printed, and forward to each state Grand Lodge ten copies of the same, as early as possible.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, presented the following protest :

I, the Representative from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, to the Grand Lodge of the United States, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, do solemnly protest against the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States, in postponing the election of Grand Sire at this time; because it is a violation of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States, which declares that a Grand Sire shall be elected one year before taking upon himself the duties of his office; and if not elected now, there will be no Grand Sire after the first Monday in September, 1833.

Signed,

HOWELL HOPKINS.

Sept. 3d, 1833.

Rep. Keyser, of Maryland, submitted the following, which was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be, and they are hereby given to P. G. M. Samuel Pryor, of Pennsylvania, for the able and obliging manner with which he has discharged the duty of Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*, at this Session of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

On motion, the Grand Lodge then adjourned until the first Monday in March next.

SAMUEL PRYOR, *Grand Secretary, pro tem.*

ADJOURNED SESSION

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES,

Held at the City of Baltimore, March 4th, 1833.

MONDAY, March 4th, 1833.

The R. W. Grand Lodge convened this day, at Odd Fellows' Hall, city of Baltimore, being an Adjourned Session, when the following were present :

THOMAS WILDEY,
THOMAS SCOTCHBURN,
AUGUSTUS MATHIOT,
THOMAS MORSE,
G. M. GEORGE KEYSER,
G. M. JAMES GETTYS,
G. Sec. JAMES L. RIDGELY,
D. G. M. ROBERT NEILSON,

M. W. G. Sire.
R. W. D. G. Sire.
R. W. G. Secretary.
W. G. Guardian, *p. t.*
Rep. of Maryland.
Rep. of District of Columbia.
Proxy Rep. of Ohio.
Proxy Rep. of Louisiana.

Whereupon, the Grand Lodge was duly organized.

The following communication was received :

"I do hereby empower D. G. M. Robert Neilson to act for me in the Grand Lodge of the United States, as Representative of Louisiana, during my sickness.
(Signed,) SAMUEL LUCAS, *Proxy Rep. of Louisiana.*"

Rep. Ridgely, of Ohio, submitted the following, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the deputation presented by the Representative of Louisiana, to P. G. Neilson, be referred to a special committee, with instructions to report forthwith.

The Grand Sire appointed Reps. Ridgely, of Ohio ; Keyser, of Maryland ; and Gettys, of District of Columbia, the committee.

Rep. Ridgely of Ohio, from the special committee to whom was referred the communication of the Proxy Representative of Louisiana, submitted the following, which was accepted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The committee to whom was referred the deputation to P. G. Neilson, by the Representative of Louisiana, beg leave to report—That they have had the subject under consideration, and are of opinion that the deputy should be entitled to his seat.

J. L. RIDGELY,
GEORGE KEYSER,
JAMES GETTYS.

Rep. Gettys, of District of Columbia, submitted the following, which was adopted.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge do proceed to appoint Representatives for the Grand Lodges of the states of Massachusetts and New York, to represent those Grand Lodges in the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Whereupon, P. G. H. S. Sanderson was appointed Proxy Representative of Massachusetts, and D. G. M. Robert Neilson, Proxy Representative of New York, who thereupon took their seats.

The reports of the several Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments were then read, and placed on file.

The Grand Sire presented the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES,

Your Sire would introduce his report, by remarking that in conformity with the resolution of 1830, making it his duty to affect an amicable arrangement of the differences existing between this Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodges of the states of New York and Massachusetts, he has endeavoured by letter communication to further the object of the resolution. As regards that part of it which made it his duty personally to visit those states, he would apologize for not having fulfilled that duty, by stating that the great press of business has rendered it almost impossible, up to the present day, to perform it.

Among the many important duties devolving upon me since your last Session, I would enumerate that of visiting the states of Ohio and Louisiana, for the purpose of installing the officers in their Grand Lodges and Encampments, and personally instructing them in the proper method of procedure ; for the accomplishment of this object, I left Baltimore on the 22d of November,

and arrived in Pittsburg, on the 25th of the same month. I immediately visited their Encampment, and also some of their subordinate lodges, as pleased in having it in my power to say, that the members all witnessed in the performance of their duties, and the Order among them in the most prosperous condition I could have anticipated.

After a stay of four days at Pittsburg, I took my departure for Cincinnati, where I arrived on the 2d of December, and was welcomed to the city by some of the P. G's and brothers, who, anticipating my arrival, met me upon the shore, and conducted me to their lodge.

Having made many inquiries regarding matters appertaining to the Order, and paid a number of visits to their subordinate lodges, I have the opportunity of judging, and can say that I found them perfect in their manner and general mode of conducting business, to a degree that surpassed my most sanguine expectations. In accordance with their wishes, upon my leaving their city, the Encampment was opened, and it had been previously made known that the members of the subordinate lodges would be permitted to witness the ceremony of installation, the hall was crowded to an overflowing excess: the Encampment was attended by some fourteen members: men whom I think with integrity I may say would prove an acquisition and ornament to any order. The members wishing to have a procession at the time of the installation of the officers in their Grand Lodge, and not having all things prepared, it was deemed advisable to postpone the matter until after my return from Orleans. Having remained at Cincinnati ten days, I departed from there; and on the 13th of the same month, arrived at Louisville, here meeting with a large number of brothers who were anxious to form a lodge, I, after mature reflection, granted them a warrant, authorizing them to elect their officers, in possession I put the various charges, requesting them to commit to memory by the time of my return, and also to appoint committees to procure suitable regalia and fixtures for a lodge. Having left Louisville after a passage of ten days, I arrived on the 24th of December, at New Orleans, and had the pleasure of being cordially received by a number of the members, who conducted me to the lodge, where (the news of my arrival having been disseminated) I was met and welcomed by a large number of the brothers in so cordial and flattering a manner, that it is left to the imagination to form an impression upon my mind, even so much so, that while my blood performs its pulsations, the remembrance of the Louisiana brothers' hospitality will never be forgotten by your Sire.

The object of my visit being that of opening an Encampment and Grand Lodge, the members of the Order were informed that they would be permitted to be present at the installing of the officers to the former; the time appointed, a large number of very respectable brothers assembled, the Encampment was duly organized.

It had been determined by the members that the formation of the new Lodge should be honored by a general procession, and accordingly on the day appointed for that purpose, the members, fully attired in regalia, assembled at their hall, whence, after having formed, they proceeded through the principal streets, and finally entered the First Presbyterian Church, where, after the throne of grace had been appropriately dressed by the Rev. Mr. Chapp, a nervous oration was delivered by

our worthy brother Alexander Dimetry. In regard to the procession, I would remark, that though I have seen many, and some more numerous than this, yet I never saw one where better order was preserved or more splendid regalia worn. Having formed the Grand Lodge and Encampment, on the 15th of January, 1833, with much reluctance, and in my heart cordially reciprocating toward them the high sentiments of esteem, love and respect which they expressed for me, I bid adieu to the genuine Odd Fellows of Orleans.

On the 24th of January, I had the pleasure of again being congratulated to the shores of Kentucky, by the members of Louisville; they, in anticipation of my arrival, had assembled to meet me; I was conducted to their lodge, where, during my absence, every necessary had been fitted up in a most suitable, if not a splendid manner. After the lodge was opened, several gentlemen were initiated, and a circumstance which much pleased me, was that every officer was so perfectly acquainted with his charge, that no books were used during the ceremony.

The title of their lodge is "Boon Lodge, No. 1, of Kentucky." From present appearances, I think there is good reason for anticipating much prosperity to the Order in Kentucky. The brothers at Louisville have some fifty propositions before them. The price of initiation is \$10, and that of the degrees, \$15.

After having remained with the brothers of Louisville some six days, I resumed my journey, and landed among the brothers of Cincinnati on the 4th day of February, where again I was most cordially received and welcomed by them. I visited again their subordinate lodges, and was pleased to find the increase of members during my absence palpably evident.

All preparations having been made for the organization of the Grand Lodge, in accordance with public notice, the members assembled on Thursday morning, 7th February, at their hall, and though I would not flatter our brothers, yet I must say a more gentlemanly or respectable association I never saw: their regalia was rich and appropriate; I would particularly mention the Encampment, whose members seemed to have been no way sparing of expense in giving splendor and eclat to that branch of the Order.

The procession having been formed under the Grand Master of the state, acting as Chief Marshal, and attended by a numerous band of musicians, moved through the principal streets of the city, to the Baptist Church on Sycamore-street, where an immense concourse of ladies and gentlemen had already assembled. Having there arrived, the throne of grace was petitioned by a divine of the city. After which the Order was addressed by Samuel York AtLee, in an appropriate and energetic manner.

Your Sire would also embrace this opportunity of tendering his thanks to Miss Dellenger, for the ardent zeal she manifested, and the exquisitely ineffable manner in which she executed the Ode composed by brother Lewis F. Thomas, for the occasion. After some few days I again departed from Cincinnati, bearing with me sentiments of deep-rooted love and respect toward the brothers of Ohio, for their kind and generous deportment to me while among them.

Arriving at Pittsburg, I found the Order there still in a progressive state, and having made but little delay, I arrived in Baltimore on Friday, the

11st day of February. The Grand Lodge of Maryland being in session, visited that body immediately; upon my entering the room I was grasped by the hand by the worthy Grand Master, and congratulated upon my safe return again to my native state, and concluded by hoping that the advantages the Order would receive from my tour, would be commensurate to the labour and fatigue I had undergone.

Brothers—I would here close my report by remarking, that it has given me much pleasure to have met so many respectable assemblages of my brethren in the different states, and being so cordially received amongst them—by many whom I never saw before, is a great gratification—Brothers, it is ample recompense for all the fatigue of my journey.

With sentiments of respect, yours,

In the bonds of F. L. & T.

THOMAS WILDEY.

The Representative from Pennsylvania not having as yet arrived, but being hourly expected, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge now adjourn to meet at half-past seven o'clock, this evening.

MONDAY, 7½ o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, the same Officers and Representatives as in the morning.

By the order of the Grand Sire, the Grand Lodge was declared duly opened for the transaction of business.

Rep. Ridgely, of Ohio, presented a communication from the Grand Lodge of Ohio, enclosing a newspaper containing a charge said to be copied from a Pennsylvania paper, viz: "That Thomas Wildey, Grand Sire of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, had absconded with the funds of the Order." and moved that a committee be appointed to take this gross slander upon the Grand Sire of the Order into consideration, and to report what course of conduct should be pursued by this Grand Lodge, in vindication of his character from said libel.

Which motion prevailed.

The following committee was announced: Rep's Ridgely, of Ohio; Keyser, of Maryland; Gettys, of District of Columbia; Neilson, of Louisiana; and Sanderson, of Massachusetts.

On motion, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That the committee appointed to examine whether any, and if any, what alterations in the Constitution are necessary, be discharged.

Rep. Keyser, of Maryland, submitted the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a new committee be appointed to examine and report on the propriety of amending the Constitution.

The Grand Sire appointed Rep's Keyser, of Maryland; Ridgely, of Ohio; and Gettys, of District of Columbia, as the committee.

The committee to whom was referred the case of P. G. McAnnal, was unable to make any report in consequence of receiving no information from his brothers in Delaware.

An invitation was presented by the Grand Master of Maryland, inviting the Grand Lodge to visit the working lodges in full regalia on motion, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge accept the same.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge do now adjourn until Tuesday, March 9 o'clock, A. M.

TUESDAY, March 5th, 9 o'clock,

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, the Officers and Representatives as on Monday.

The Grand Lodge was declared duly opened for the transaction of business.

Rep. Keyser, of Maryland, from the committee to whom was referred the Constitution, presented the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee to whom was referred the Constitution, and whether any alterations are necessary, submit the following amendments for consideration.

GEORGE KEYS
JAMES L. RIDGELY
JAMES GETTYS

Article IV, second line, the words, "first Monday in September" be stricken out, and that the words "first Monday in February" be inserted.

That in Article V, first line, all after the word "meet," be stricken out and insert "at such place as the Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine."

"Article VII—*Qualification and Election of Grand Sire*

A brother to be qualified for the office of Grand Sire, must be a Grand Master of some state, district, or territorial Grand Lodge, possessed of the Royal Purple Degree, and shall be elected at the Meeting in February, by a majority of the whole number present on ten ballots. He shall not hold any elective office in any state, district, territorial Grand or subordinate lodge."

In Article X, second line, insert after "Lodge," "or Encampment."

On motion, the report was accepted.

A petition was presented from sundry brothers of Kentucky, viz. S. Lyon, S. Waters, T. H. Breece, G. G. Wright, J. Barlow, Roach, and T. Mayberry, now working under a dispensation from the Grand Sire, praying for a charter for a lodge; which, on motion, was referred to a special committee.

The Grand Sire appointed as the committee, Rep's Ridgely, Keyser, of Maryland; and Gettys, of District of Columbia.

A petition was presented from sundry Past Grand Masters of Delaware, praying for the return of their Grand Lodge charter.

When, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the same be restored.

Rep. Ridgely, of Ohio, from the special committee appointed to take into consideration the libel upon our Worthy Grand Sire, made the following report, which was accepted; and the resolutions adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The committee to whom was referred the subject of the libel, originated by the Pennsylvania Telegraph, published at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and copied into the Hagerstown Free Press, and the Franklin Republican, charging Thomas Wildey, the present Grand Sire of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in these United States, with having absconded from the city of Baltimore, carrying with him the funds of the Order, have had the subject under consideration, and ask leave respectfully to report :

Your committee can scarcely find terms in which to express the indignation unanimously felt by them, at so atrocious and unprincipled a slander against the character and fame of an individual not having the slightest connection with the treasury of our Order ; and holding an office entirely apart, distinct and separate from that of Treasurer—and indeed, they are at a loss to discover, in the whole catalogue of human vices, the motives which could have originated or propagated this libel ; unless, indeed, they could be found in the desperate, disappointed and departed hopes of an ill-fangled Anti-masonic party ; or, in some more congenial union with the branded and expelled miscreants who have been tumbled out of our institution for the violation of the relations pledged to the Order, or the prostitution of the moral and honest principles which should regulate man in his intercourse with his fellow man. To one or the other of these sources, alone, are we able even to suppose the origination of this slander probably referable. But come whence it may—originated by whomsoever—we hereby pronounce it unequivocally, and openly, a base, malignant, unblushing, and diabolical slander, levelled against the character of an honest and good fellow citizen, who stands high in the confidence of his brethren ; but designed, through him, as a shaft at the Order over which the suffrages of his brothers have, for two successive terms of four years each, called him to preside. Your committee, entertaining no fears or apprehensions that such malignity can affect the high standing to which our Order has attained, by the good conduct, upright deportment, and universal respectability of its members ; and resting under a deep conviction that it will carry with itself to the mind of every intelligent and reflecting fellow citizen, the elements of its own insignificance, would, under these impressions, dismiss it to the grovelling spirits whence it emanated, did not a solemn and public duty, growing out of their relations to each other in society, require that they should never permit crime to go unpunished, or suffer villainy to escape in small things, lest it might seemingly justify its authors to continue the work of iniquity and slander, they therefore take leave to recommend the adoption of the accompanying resolutions :

JAMES L. RIDGELY,
GEORGE KEYSER,
JAMES GETTYS,
ROBERT NEILSON,
HENRY S. SANDERSON.

Resolved, That the charge against Thomas Wildey, Grand Sire of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of having absconded with the funds of the Order, is a base, malignant, and unblushing slander, and justly excites our regret for the degradation of human nature, and our contempt for its authors.

Resolved, As the unanimous wish and desire of this Grand Lodge, that Thomas Wildey, Grand Sire, institute legal prosecutions* against its authors and promulgators.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge will sustain and support our Grand Sire in all legal prosecutions which he may institute against the originators or propagators of the said slander.

Rep. Ridgely, of Ohio, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of N. Estling and others, presented the following report, which was accepted, and the resolution adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The special committee to whom was referred the petition of N. Estling and others, praying for a charter for a lodge to be located at Louisville, Kentucky, and hailed as "Boon Lodge, No. 1," now working under a dispensation from the Grand Sire, have considered the subject, and submit the following resolution for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES L. RIDGELY,
GEORGE KEYSER,
JAMES GETTYS.

Resolved, That the charter be granted, as prayed for.

On motion, the following were adopted :

Resolved, That the committee appointed to remodel the funeral obsequies, in 1831, be discharged.

Resolved, That a new committee be appointed to remodel the funeral obsequies; and that the committee be composed of Rep's Neilson, of Louisiana; Keyser, of Maryland; and Gettys, of District of Columbia.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until half past seven o'clock, this evening.

TUESDAY, 7½ o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge assembled, pursuant to adjournment: Present, the same Officers and Representatives as in the morning.

The Representative from Pennsylvania not having as yet arrived, and no business presenting itself before the Grand Lodge that could well be acted upon without his presence, and in anticipation of his arrival—on motion, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge adjourn until ten o'clock, A. M., on Wednesday, 6th March.

* *Legal Prosecutions.*—On the promulgation of the proceedings in this case, the editor of the paper first named, made every apology, exhibiting the authority on which he had made his statement, and which was so utterly worthless, that further process was abandoned.

WEDNESDAY, March 6th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Lodge convened pursuant to adjournment, and was declared open for the transaction of business; but was again disappointed in the non-arrival of the Representative from Pennsylvania.

When, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge adjourn to meet at three o'clock, this afternoon.

WEDNESDAY, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment; but no Representative from Pennsylvania appearing, on motion, it was

Resolved, That in consequence of the continued disappointment in the non-arrival of the Representative of Pennsylvania, this Grand Lodge, ever anxious to consult the wishes of so great a body as work under the jurisdiction of that Grand Lodge, deem it proper to adjourn until Monday, the 18th inst., at ten o'clock, A. M., unless the Representative from Pennsylvania should sooner arrive; in which case the Grand Lodge has the power to convene the Grand Lodge.

MONDAY, March 18th, 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Lodge convened pursuant to adjournment. Present:

THOMAS WILDEY,	M. W. G. Sire.
THOMAS SCOTCHBURN,	R. W. D. G. Sire.
AUGUSTUS MATHIOT,	R. W. G. Secretary.
THOMAS MORSE,	W. G. Guardian, <i>p. t.</i>
G. M. GEORGE KEYSER,	Rep. of Maryland.
P. G. HENRY S. SANDERSON,	Proxy Rep. of Massachusetts.
P. D. G. M. JOHN PEARCE,	Proxy Rep. of New York.
P. G. HOWELL HOPKINS,	Rep. of Pennsylvania.
P. G. JOHN BRANNAN,	Proxy Rep. Dist. Columbia.
G. Sec. JAMES L. RIDGELY,	Proxy Rep. of Ohio.
D. G. M. ROBERT NEILSON,	Proxy Rep. of Louisiana.

The Grand Lodge was then declared duly organized.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That when the credentials of a Representative be presented to the Grand Lodge of the United States, before he can be acknowledged as such, his certificate shall be referred to a committee, whose duty shall be to examine its authenticity, and also the qualifications of the Representative.

Whereupon, the Grand Sire referred the credentials of Proxy Rep. Pearce, of New York, to the following committee, viz:

Rep's Hopkins, of Pennsylvania; Neilson, of Louisiana; and Brannan, of District of Columbia.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, from the special committee on credentials, submitted the following, which was accepted.

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To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The committee to whom was referred the credentials of Proxy Rep. Pearce, of New York, report, that they have made the necessary examination, and are satisfied of the authenticity of the certificate, and that the Representative is duly qualified to act as a Representative from said state.

HOWELL HOPKINS,
ROBERT NEILSON,
JOHN BRANNAN.

On motion, the following was adopted :

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to take into consideration the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States, of the I. O. of O. F., and report what alterations or amendments, if any, are necessary—and that the said committee be instructed to ascertain the means necessary to establish an uniform system of working in the several state Grand Lodges, and their subordinate lodges throughout the United States.

The Grand Sire appointed the following as the committee :

Rep's Keyser, of Maryland ; Hopkins, of Pennsylvania ; and Brannan, of District of Columbia.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, submitted the following, in conformity with a resolution passed by the Grand Lodge of said state :

Resolved, That the representation in the Grand Lodge of the United States, be apportioned in reference to the amount of numbers working under each state Grand Lodge—allowing one Representative for each state Grand Lodge containing one thousand or less members ; and one additional Representative for every additional thousand.

On motion, the foregoing resolution was referred to the committee on the Constitution.

Rep. Keyser, of Maryland, presented the following, agreeably to a resolution passed by the Grand Lodge of said state ; which was, on motion, referred to the committee on the Constitution :

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Representative of this Grand Lodge in the Grand Lodge of the United States, be, and he is hereby instructed to use his exertions in the Grand Lodge of the United States, to have the O. B. N. of the first degree so altered as to dispense with the last clause.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, submitted the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, Since the meeting of this Grand Lodge in September last, there have been opened in Ohio and Louisiana, Grand Lodges, working under legal charters from this Grand Lodge ; and

Whereas, The business now to be transacted by this Grand Lodge is of great importance to the Order in general : therefore, be it

Resolved, That without establishing a precedent, the brothers who have presented certificates from the states of Ohio and Louisiana, be now acknowledged and received as members of this Grand Lodge.

After an animated discussion, Rep. Ridgely, of Ohio, moved that the preamble be stricken out.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, objected to the right of the Representative of Ohio to make a motion—his seat being disputed.

This circumstance having given rise to some discussion, an appeal was finally made to the chair.

The Grand Sire decided that the motion made by the Representative of Ohio, was in order.

The motion to strike out the preamble, was then put, and decided in the affirmative.

On motion, the words "without establishing a precedent," were stricken out.

The resolution as amended, was then adopted.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge now proceed to the nomination of Grand Officers.

Rep. Pearce, of New York, nominated P. G. M. James Gettys, of District of Columbia, for Grand Sire, seconded by Rep. Ridgely, of Ohio.

Rep. Ridgely, of Ohio, nominated P. G. M. Samuel Pryor, of Pennsylvania, for Grand Secretary, seconded by Rep. Pearce, of New York.

Rep. Keyser, of Maryland, nominated P. G. John Brannan, of Maryland, for Grand Treasurer, seconded by Rep. Pearce, of New York.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, nominated P. G. Thomas Morse, of Maryland, for Grand Guardian, seconded by Rep. Ridgely, of Ohio.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of Grand Officers ; and on counting the ballots, the following were declared to be duly elected for the ensuing term :

P. G. M. JAMES GETTYS,
P. G. M. SAMUEL PRYOR,
P. G. JOHN BRANNAN,
P. G. THOMAS MORSE,

M. W. G. Sire.
R. W. G. Secretary.
R. W. G. Treasurer.
W. G. Guardian.

On motion, the following was adopted :

Resolved, That Rep's Ridgely, of Ohio ; Hopkins, of Pennsylvania ; and Pearce, of New York, be a committee to inform P. G. M. Gettys of his election, and request him to attend the Grand Lodge to-morrow, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M.

TUESDAY, 7½ o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment : Present, the same Officers and Representatives as yesterday.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, from the special committee to whom was referred the appeal of P. G. James McAnnal, submitted the following.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The committee to whom was referred the appeal of P. G. James McAnnal, respectfully report :

That they have examined the documents referred to them ; and that without expressing an opinion on the guilt or innocence of P. G. McAnnal, they are of opinion that he should have been allowed a hearing—that his excuse for not being at Delaware Lodge, No. 1, was a sufficient one.

They therefore recommend that Delaware Lodge, No. 1, be directed again to notify P. G. James McAnnal to be and appear before them, to make

defence to the charges preferred against him by the committee, and that he be allowed time to make and prepare his defence.

And further, that the Grand Secretary be directed to return the documents to the separate parties.

HOWELL HOPKINS, *Chairman.*

The question recurring on the adoption of the report, Rep. Ridgely, of Ohio, moved to amend by striking out the word "directed," and substitute the word "requested," which motion did not prevail.

The question then recurred on the adoption of the report; when Rep. Ridgely, of Ohio, called for the yeas and nays, which were ordered, and were as follows:

YEAS—Rep's Keyser, Hopkins and Neilson.

NAYS—Rep's Pearce and Ridgely.

The report, with the recommendation, was therefore adopted.

Rep. Neilson, of Louisiana, from the special committee to whom was referred the subject of remodelling the funeral obsequies, submitted the following, which was accepted, and the committee discharged:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The special committee to whom was referred the subject of remodelling the funeral obsequies, respectfully submit the accompanying form for adoption.

ROBET NEILSON,
GEORGE KEYSER,
JAMES GETTYS.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the form of funeral obsequies be referred to the committee to whom was referred the Constitution.

Resolved, That the committee to whom was referred the Constitution, be requested to report as early as practicable.

On motion, it was

Ordered, That when the Grand Lodge adjourns, it be to the seventh of June next, and that the Session be held in the city of Philadelphia.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned.

AUGUSTUS MATHIOT, *Grand Secretary.*

Report of the acting Grand Treasurer.

Dr. GRAND LODGE of U. S., in account with T. WILDEY, G. Sire. Cr.

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" " stationery and postage,	6 25	" " Maryland	" 90 00
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Grand and Subordinate Lodges in account with the Grand Lodge of the United States, remaining unsettled September, 1832.

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1830, - - - - \$13 00	
1831, - - - - 11 06	
1832, - - - - 16 00	
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Grand Lodge of District of Columbia to quota of expenses for sessions of 1831, - - \$17 56	
1832, - - - 17 00	
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New Jersey lodges, Nos. 1 and 2, charter fees, - - - 60 00	
Delaware lodges, Nos. 1 and 2, per centage and advances, - - 72 00	
Friendly Union Lodge, No. 1, R. I., per centage and advances, - 45 00	
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Annual Report of the Grand and Subordinate Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., commencing September, 1831, and ending September, 1832.

LODGES.	Where held.	States.	No. of Lodges.	Initiations.	Suspensions.	Expulsions.	Revenue.	Contributing Members.	Remarks.
G. L. of Maryland,	Baltimore,	Md.	19	1012	10		\$10,822 00	1630	
" Massachusetts,	Boston,	Mass.	4	...	...		...	...	No report.
" New York,	Albany,	N. Y.	6	...	...		...	...	"
" Pennsylvania,	Philadelphia,	Penn.	50	1369	15		21,347 94	3903	
" Dis. of Columbia,	Georgetown,	D. C.	4	41	4		537 67	130	
" Ohio,	Cincinnati,	Ohio	3	...	2		200 00	350	
" Louisiana,	New Orleans,	La.	1	96	1		1,784 31	127	
Delaware, No. 1,	Wilmington,	Del.	2	...	...		...	25	
Jefferson, " 2,	"	"	2	18	...		224 78	31	
New Jersey, " 1,	Camden,	N. J.	2	...	...		128 33	30	
Benevolent, " 2,	Paterson,	"	1	13	1		269 75	60	
Friendly Union, " 1,	Providence,	R. I.	1	...	...		...	40	
Bonn, " 1,	Louisville,	Ky.	1	...	...		...	40	
			93	3549	4 25		\$35,324 74	5956	

Expulsions.

In Maryland—No. 2, Joseph Bannister, James Corrie, Richard Marley, S. M. Lauder. No. 3, Charles Brice. No. 9, William Hall. No. 10, Henry Benteen, and T. C. Benteen. No. 14, T. W. Jay, H. McFadon.

In Pennsylvania—No. 2, Daniel B. Shreevs, J. C. Earl. No. 5, Andrew Anderson, P. G. No. 6, James Carnahan. No. 7, Gotlib Geiger. No. 9, William Phillips. No. 10, David Chatterton. No. 26, Wm. Both. No. 39, Robert Moskin. No. 31, Henry Helmbold. No. 33, R. D. Minkle. No. 39, Wm. Hartley. No. 23, Thomas Taylor. No. 14, Henry O'Neal, Jr., P. G. No. 36, James Bulkley.

In Ohio—No. 1, William Mertill, Samuel Adkins.

In Louisiana—No. 1, Thomas Martin.

In New Jersey—No. 2, P. G. Mayclain.

SPECIAL SESSION

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES,

Held at the City of Baltimore, May, 1833.

BALTIMORE, May 4th, 1833.

The R. W. Grand Lodge convened this day, at the call of the M. W. Grand Sire, at Odd Fellows' Hall, city of Baltimore, when the following were present:

THOMAS WILDEY,	M. W. G. Sire.
AUGUSTUS MATHIOT,	R. W. G. Secretary.
P. G. JOHN BRANNAN,	Proxy Rep. Dist. of Columbia.
G. Sec. JAMES L. RIDGELY,	Proxy Rep. of Ohio.
D. G. M. ROBERT NEILSON,	Proxy Rep. of Louisiana.

The Grand Lodge was then declared duly organized.

The Grand Sire announced that the Grand Lodge was specially convened for the purpose of acting on a petition for a charter for a lodge to be located at Harper's Ferry, Virginia.

Whereupon, a petition was presented from brothers James Crawford, L. W. Bowman, Wm. Compton, Seth Pollard, and William Bailey, praying for a charter for a lodge, to be located at Harper's Ferry, Virginia, and hailed by the title of "Virginia Lodge, No. 1."

The petition having received due consideration, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the petition be granted as prayed for.

On motion, the Grand Lodge closed the Special Session.

AUGUSTUS MATHIOT, *Grand Secretary.*

ADJOURNED SESSION
OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES,

Held at the City of Philadelphia, June, 1833.

PHILADELPHIA, June 7, 1833.

The R. W. Grand Lodge convened this day, pursuant to a resolution of the Adjourned March Session, 1832, at Odd Fellows' Hall, city of Philadelphia, when the following were present :

THOMAS WILDEY,	M. W. G. Sire.
THOMAS SMALL,	R. W. D. G. Sire, <i>p. t.</i>
AUGUSTUS MATHIOT,	R. W. G. Secretary.
G. M. GEORGE KEYSER,	Rep. of Maryland.
P. G. JOHN BRANNAN,	Proxy Rep. of Massachusetts
P. D. G. M. JOHN PEARCE,	Proxy Rep. of New York.
P. G. HOWELL HOPKINS,	Rep. of Pennsylvania.
P. G. M. JAMES GETTYS,	Rep. of District of Columbia.
G. Sec. JAMES L. RIDGELY,	Proxy Rep. of Ohio.
D. G. M. ROBERT NEILSON,	Proxy Rep. of Louisiana.

Whereupon, the Grand Lodge was declared duly organized.

Rep. Ridgely, of Ohio, submitted the following, which was adopted :

Resolved, That all brothers, members of Grand Lodges and in possession of the Royal Purple degree, if recommended by the Representative of the state from which he hails, be admitted to witness the proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

A communication was received from P. G. H. S. Sanderson, Proxy Rep. of Massachusetts, deputizing P. G. J. Brannan, to act for him as Proxy.

On motion of Rep. Gettys, of District of Columbia, the deputation was accepted.

On motion of Rep. Keyser, of Maryland, the committee on the Constitution was increased by adding Rep's Ridgely, of Ohio, and Pearce, of New York.

Rep. Ridgely, of Ohio, offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, The untiring zeal, devoted labor, and cheering success of P. G. Sire Thomas Wilkey, in the business of Odd Fellowship, entitles him to the warmest approbation and universal favor of every Odd Fellow. And

Whereas, His indefatigable industry and unceasing efforts to unite this country from north to south, from east to west, in one common brotherhood, manifested from his earliest establishment of this Order; and more especially by his recent disinterested and laborious visit to the Western and Southern states, and the most glorious success resulting from his tour, by the establishment of Odd Fellowship in the great states of Ohio, Kentucky, and Louisiana, invoke our deepest and most affectionate feelings, and imperiously demand an eternal perpetuation of its merits :—Therefore

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to prepare and present, on behalf of this Grand Lodge of the United States, to P. G. Sire Thomas Wildey, a token of the high respect which this Grand Lodge entertains for these distinguished services to the Order, and the affectionate regard which we cherish for his private worth.

On motion, the foregoing preamble and resolution was laid on the table.

On motion, the brothers possessing the requisite qualifications were invited to attend the sessions of the Grand Lodge.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet at three o'clock, this afternoon.

ODD FELLOWS' HALL, 3 o'clock, P. M.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Grand Lodge again assembled : Present, the same Officers and Representatives as in the morning.

Rep. Keyser, of Maryland, from the special committee to whom was referred the Constitution of the Grand Lodge for amendment, submitted the following report, which was accepted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The special committee to whom was referred the subject of amending the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, present the following form of Constitution* and By-Laws, for the consideration of the Grand Lodge.

GEORGE KEYSER, *Chairman*.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet at six o'clock this evening.

ODD FELLOWS' HALL, 6 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge convened pursuant to adjournment ; Present, the same Officers and Representatives as in the afternoon.

On motion, the proposed form of Constitution, as submitted, was taken up for consideration, and having been read by Articles, was amended and approved.

A petition was received from brothers Wm. W. Moore, James Gettys, George M. Davis, Robert Boyd, Wm. H. Mauro, Thomas Stelle, Joseph Burrows, and Wm. L. Bailey, praying for a charter for an Encampment of Patriarchs, to be located at Washington, D. C., and hailed as "Columbia Encampment, No. 1."

On motion, the petition was referred to a special committee of three.

The Grand Sire announced as the committee, Rep's Pearce, of New York ; Hopkins, of Pennsylvania ; and Keyser, of Maryland.

A communication was received from P. G. McAnnal, of Delaware, which was read, and on motion, referred to Rep's Hopkins, of Pennsylvania ; Gettys, of District of Columbia ; and Neilson, of Louisiana.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet at eight o'clock this evening.

* *Form of Constitution*.—The form submitted is not spread on the journal, but copies were furnished to the several Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments immediately after the close of the session.

ODD FELLOWS' HALL, 8 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, the same Officers and Representatives as in the morning.

Rep. Pearce, of New York, from the special committee to whom was referred the application of Wm. W. Moore and others, submitted the following report, which was accepted, and the resolution adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The undersigned, to whom was referred the application of brothers Wm. W. Moore and others, praying for a charter for an Encampment of Patriarchs, to be located at Washington City, D. C., and hailed as "Columbia Encampment, No. 1," have given the subject due attention, and submit the accompanying resolution for adoption.

JOHN PEARCE,
HOWELL HOPKINS,
GEORGE KEYSER.

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the By-Laws.

The By-Laws were then read by Articles, as submitted, and approved.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Constitution be printed, and each Grand Lodge and Encampment be furnished with five copies, and each Representative with one.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, from the special committee to whom was referred the communication of P. G. McAnnal, submitted the following, which was adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The committee to whom was referred the communication of James McAnnal, respectfully report: That they have taken into consideration the matter therein mentioned, and are of opinion that,

Whereas, This Grand Lodge, by its resolution under date of 19th March last, directed Delaware Lodge, No. 1, again to notify P. G. James McAnnal to be and appear before them, to make defence to the charges preferred against him by the committee of said lodge; and that he be allowed time to make and prepare his defence. And, *Whereas*, Although a considerable time has expired, Delaware Lodge, No. 1, has not yet done as directed, by having altogether neglected or refused to do the same—Therefore, be it

Resolved, That Delaware Lodge, No. 1, is in a state of insubordination, and deserves the censure of this Grand Lodge. And further be it

Resolved, That the Grand Sire suspend the opening of the Grand Lodge at Wilmington, till such time as Delaware Lodge, No. 1, returns to its duty.

Your committee are further of opinion, that the case of James McAnnal requires investigation without further delay. They therefore recommend that it be requested of the Grand Sire to investigate his case; and who, if he judge proper, may restore him to membership in the Order, or confirm his expulsion—and report to this Grand Lodge at its next stated meeting, his acting and doing therein.

HOWELL HOPKINS,
JAMES GETTYS,
ROBERT NEILSON.

On motion of Rep. Keyser, of Maryland, the preamble and resolution, as submitted by Rep. Ridgely, of Ohio, was taken up for consideration, and adopted.

On motion, Rep's Ridgely, of Ohio ; Brannan of Massachusetts ; Pearce, of New York ; Keyser, of Maryland ; Hopkins, of Pennsylvania ; Gettys, of District of Columbia ; and Neilson, of Louisiana, were constituted a committee to carry said preamble and resolution into effect.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the committee on the communication from Delaware, report at the September Session.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That all the unfinished business be referred to the committee on the Constitution.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge of the United States, be, and they are hereby tendered to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, for the use of their splendid hall during the present Session.

The Grand Lodge then closed the Session.

AUGUSTUS MATHIOT, *Grand Secretary*.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES,

Held at the City of Baltimore, September, 1833.

MONDAY, September 2d, 1833.

The R. W. Grand Lodge convened this day, at Odd Fellows' Hall, city of Baltimore, being the regular Annual Communication, when the following were present :

THOMAS WILDEY,	M. W. G. Sire.
THOMAS SCOTCHBURN,	R. W. D. G. Sire.
AUGUSTUS MATHIOT,	R. W. G. Secretary.
THOMAS MORSE,	W. G. Guardian.
G. M. GEORGE KEYSER,	Rep. of Maryland.
G. M. JOHN PEARCE,	Proxy Rep. of New York.
P. G. HOWELL HOPKINS,	Rep. of Pennsylvania.
G. SEC. JAMES L. RIDGELY,	Proxy Rep. of Ohio.
P. G. M. SAMUEL LUCAS,	Proxy Rep. of Louisiana.
P. G. SIMON ROBINSON,	Rep. of Delaware.

The Grand Lodge was then duly organized.

The Grand Sire appointed Rep's Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, and Pearce, of New York, to examine the credentials of Rep. Robinson, of Delaware.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, from the committee on credentials, submitted the following, which was accepted, and the resolution adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The committee to whom was referred the credentials of Rep. Robinson, of Delaware, report that they found them correct, and offer the following resolution for adoption.

HOWELL HOPKINS,
JOHN PEARCE.

Resolved, That P. G. Simon Robinson be admitted and acknowledged as the Representative from the Grand Lodge of Delaware.

The proceedings of the last Annual Communication, and the Special Session of May 4th, 1833, were read and approved.

The reports of the several Grand Lodges and Encampments, and subordinate lodges, were presented and read.

The Grand Sire presented the following report :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES,

The Grand Sire would beg leave to introduce his report by informing you, that in accordance with your resolution of March 19th, 1833, he left Baltimore on June the 5th, for the purpose of carrying the said resolution into effect. The meeting was convened on Friday, June the 7th, in the splendid hall erected by our brothers of the city of Philadelphia. The special purpose of this convention being a revision of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States—that object being accomplished, in connection with other incidental business, the Grand Lodge closed its session. By the same resolution, of the session of 1831, which had incapacitated the Grand Lodge of Delaware in acting as a Grand Lodge, I was directed that as soon as five Past Grands, from the said state, should make application again for their charter, to return the same forthwith, and again constitute them a Grand Lodge;* that application had been made, and the brothers of Delaware were anxious for my presence for the opening the Lodge, as also with the hope, that my efforts might tend to harmonize the jarring interests of the state. To accomplish these objects, two days after the close of the Grand Lodge of the United States, accompanied by several of the Grand Officers of the state of Pennsylvania, I visited the borough of Wilmington, and under the most flattering auspices, re-opened their Grand Lodge.

You are aware that applications have been received from the brothers of Paterson and Camden, in New Jersey, to open a Grand Lodge in said state : but owing to the difficulty of selecting a fit point of location, the object of the petitioners has not been effected up to the present time. For the purpose of gaining the opinion of the brothers at Camden, on the most ad-

* *A Grand Lodge.*—The re-opening of this body took place on June 11th, 1833, with the following Grand Officers: James M. White, M. W. G. M.; Joseph M. Hodges, R. W. D. G. M.; Jacob M. Garrison, R. W. G. W.; Jacob K. Higgins, R. W. G. Sec'y; Thomas Hill, R. W. G. Treas.; Simon Robinson, W. G. Rep.

vantagious point of location, I, in connection with several Past Grands of Pennsylvania, visited their lodge and found them pleased with the idea of selecting the most central situation, and willing to sacrifice local advantages for the general advancement of the Order in their state. After some consultation it was determined upon among us, that as Trenton was the capital of the state, and also the most eligible and central, if possible the Grand Lodge be located there. Having effected the object of my visit at Camden, in accordance with your resolution of 1830, making it my duty to effect an amicable arrangement of the difficulties* existing between the Grand Lodge of the United States and the Grand Lodges of the states of New York and Massachusetts. In the endeavour to accomplish the object of that resolution, I determined to visit those states—previous to my entering upon my delegated duties in those states, as the town of Paterson could be approached without deviating far from my direct route, I conceived it most advisable to visit there. The brothers of the lodge then in operation, and from which, as I in a former part of my report have informed you, a petition had been received to open a Grand Lodge. I met the brethren assembled in their lodge, and after apprizing them of the many difficulties which would result from having the Grand Lodge located in either extremes of the state, found them equally willing with their brothers of Camden, to sacrifice personal advantages for their mutual advancement. I did upon their united application, grant them a warrant to open a Grand Lodge at Trenton. It having been determined by the mechanics of Paterson to form a procession in celebrating the anniversary of our country's Independence, the lodge had been politely invited to join in the commemoration. Coming thus opportunely amongst them, I was petitioned to grant them a warrant to open an Encampment, and solicited to join in the procession, and at its close, as a large assembly of members was anticipated, to install the officers and form it: from which circumstance, apprehending no great delay and much advantage, I acquiesced with them, and promised, would circumstances admit, to be with them on that day.

Having for the present left the brothers of Paterson, I repaired to the city of New York, and on my visiting the subordinate lodges, was most agreeably disappointed; for reports had led me to conclude that my worst anticipations would be more than realized; but I found them men zealous in the good cause of Odd Fellowship, and wanting only that stimulant which an enterprising Grand Lodge should exert, to give them that impetus which Odd-Fellowship has attained in more southern sister states. It was with much regret I learned from the members there, that for upwards of thirteen months they had received no information from their Grand Lodge, not even a receipt for the amount of per centage paid them. Finding they had been thus neglected by their Grand Lodge, I gave them every information in my power; urging them to persevere in the good cause of Odd-Fellowship—and departed for Albany, the seat of their Grand Lodge, where I arrived and visited the Grand Master of the state, and with

* *The difficulties.*—These difficulties, so frequently alluded to in the previous minutes, relate to the delinquencies of the Grand Lodges of Massachusetts and New York, in the payment of the assessed proportion of expenses. The accounts show that the Grand Lodge first named had failed to make any payment into the funds of the Grand Lodge of the United States, from 1824 up to the time its charter was recalled; and that the Grand Lodge of New York stood indebted on the same account from 1829 to 1833.

no little difficulty, through the exertions of the officers and myself, was finally enabled to meet a barely sufficient number of members to form a quorum for opening. The fault of communication with the subordinate lodges, as well as with the Grand Lodge of the United States, was attributed to the Grand Secretary—however, I myself would think the other officers of the Grand Lodge equally deserving of censure ; it being their duty to have the business of the Order properly conducted. But it was with much regret indeed, that I witnessed the lukewarmness which seems to pervade the Grand Lodge of New York—had not my greatest exertions been used in assembling the members of that body, though you have invested me with the exalted dignity of Sire of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in these United States, I would have been compelled to leave the seat of the Grand Lodge of New York without having been welcomed to their city by them.

There is partially yet in existence one subordinate Encampment, but I have been informed by some of the members it is with difficulty that they can assemble sufficient members to enable them to work. Brothers, I am sorry to make such statements as these are ; but duty to the Order compels me, and such is the state of affairs in the once flourishing Grand Lodge of New York. Yes, brothers, while the banner of our Order is being unfurled as far west as civilized man dare penetrate—while hundreds are flocking to our standards in the most southern extreme of our country—while, from the Atlantic to our inland seas, the Order is spreading with an impetus unequalled by our most sanguine anticipations, the east, the very cradle of Odd Fellowship, by an inertness of the governing powers, is suffering the Order to become paralyzed. I must, however, not omit informing you, that the officers of the Grand Lodge have promised me that the duties of the Order shall in future be more rigidly adhered to in the state of New York ; and for the purpose of effecting a more sure communication between the working lodges and Grand Lodge, and also between the state Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of the United States, they have determined to locate in the city of New York, either a state or district deputy Grand Master.

After a delay of four days at Albany, I again returned to New York city, from whence I again proceeded to Philadelphia, where I made arrangements for procuring banners for the intended procession of the brothers in Paterson. Having arranged my business in Philadelphia, I departed for Paterson, where I arrived on the 3d of July—on the 4th, agreeably with previous arrangements, the procession was formed and joined in the celebration of the anniversary of our country's Independence. After the ceremonies of the day, the Encampment was duly opened, and a number of members regularly initiated.

No other matters detaining me at Paterson, I left the brothers of the lodge, to perform the duties assigned to me with the Grand Lodge of the state of Massachusetts—determining, as it could be accomplished without much inconvenience, to visit the brothers of Friendly Union Lodge, located in the town of Providence, R. I. I am sorry to say I found them in rather an unfavorable state ; many of the old members had left the town in consequence of the decline of business ; the remaining few seem energetic members, and I hope their exertions will resuscitate the Order amongst

them. Having remained two days with the brothers of Providence, I took my departure from them, and on the 14th of the month, arrived at Taunton; I visited the brothers of the Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 3—owing to the neglect of the Grand Lodge of the state, in not forwarding necessary information, and using exertions to support the lodge, it had fallen into an unprospering condition. Near two years had elapsed since they had received any communication from them; and many of their members having left that section of the state, the lodge has been reduced to eight members only—but those eight worthy, zealous, persevering Odd Fellows, have determined not to suffer the Order to become extinct in the town of Taunton. To enable them the better to carry into effect their resolution of cherishing the Order amongst themselves and brothers of the town, they are anxious to be taken under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States. After promising to visit them on my return, I again departed for Boston, the seat of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts; but here, to my sorrow, I was informed that neither Grand nor subordinate lodge longer existed. I visited a few of the Past Grands—few they were indeed—they informed me that the Grand Master had removed from the city, and that all my efforts to again open the Grand Lodge would be useless; for the last four years dissensions and discord has alone prevailed, until finally they had come to the determination to sell their regalia, pay their rent, and close their doors. The per centage from the Lowell and Taunton lodges had been forwarded to them; but they, instead of paying their quota of the expenses of the Grand Lodge of the United States, expended it in defraying the expenses of their subordinate lodge in Boston. Finding the Grand Lodge so completely dissolved, I used my exertions to induce the brothers to open one of the subordinate lodges; authorised them only to admit such brothers as they should determine worthy and deserving members; and I have now the satisfaction of anticipating in this lodge, a nucleus round which many will form. On the 17th, I arrived at Lowell, and had the pleasure of meeting with many of the old members of Merrimack Lodge, as well as some brothers from other lodges. Their lodge was defunct, but stated they would be much pleased to be again reopened, could they only get such information as was needed, from the Grand Lodge of the United States, to preserve their existence and connexion with other lodges. Their complaint in regard to their state Grand Lodge, was similar to that of the brothers of Taunton. I cannot here omit noticing the feelings of affection and respect evinced by the brothers of this lodge towards our beloved Order. They had used every effort to preserve themselves as a lodge; but finding their existence no longer possible, they determined, as their last sacrifice to Odd Fellowship, in one funeral pile to destroy every vestige of the Order, which was not convenient for them to preserve.

Finding them, though thus disbanded, still zealous for the welfare and advancement of the Order, I used my efforts, and assisted by some of the brothers, obtained a meeting of twenty members; to whom I promised the protection of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and over whom I installed officers. I left the lodge in effective operation, and from the unremitted perseverance of the officers and members, I think we may anticipate prosperity to the lodge.

On the 20th of the month, I again arrived in Boston, and after having remained there two days, and finding it impossible again to organize the Grand Lodge of the state, I organized the subordinate lodge, entitled Adam Lodge, No. 6; their members were but few, but they have every prospect of an increase, and should the officers exercise that zeal for the promotion of our Order, which their duty imperiously demands, ere long it will again resume that standing which it formerly held in the state of Massachusetts.

Having thus arranged the business of the Order to the best of my abilities in the state of Massachusetts, I departed for Trenton, in the state of New Jersey, and on my way thither, visited again the lodges in Providence and New York. Having there arrived, in acquiescence with the Past Grands of the state, I granted a warrant for opening a Grand Lodge in the state of New Jersey.* The Past Grands having been assembled, and an election entered into, the following members were declared the duly elected officers, viz :

John Pearce, Grand Master ; Crispin Taylor, D. G. Master ; Wm. Thompson, G. Warden ; S. Sutton, G. Secretary ; ——— Graham, G. Treasurer ; John Pearce, G. Representative.

The Grand Lodge was then duly instituted, and the Officers installed in their various offices. After which a petition was received from sundry brothers of Trenton, for a charter to open a subordinate lodge, which was granted. The lodge has since been opened and is now working.

On my return towards home, I visited the Degree Lodges and Encampments in the city of Philadelphia, and am pleased to inform you that they are all still in successful operation. No other business detaining me here, I departed for Wilmington ; where, after arriving, I visited the Encampment ; and I am pleased to say, I found them in a more flourishing condition than my most sanguine wishes could have anticipated. Perfect harmony seems to exist amongst the members, and the only jealousy which seems to be produced, is the desire to excel in the duties of Odd Fellowship. After an absence of near three months, on the 15th of August, I again had the pleasure of being welcomed to my home.

Brothers, the duties you had assigned me were arduous—I have endeavoured to perform them—I may not have altogether accomplished the object of my mission—but what circumstances have enabled me to do, has been done ; and I now respectfully submit the same to you.

THOMAS WILDEY, *Grand Sire*.

Rep. Pearce, of New York, moved that the Grand Sire's report be referred to a committee of three, with directions to report such parts as they may believe require the serious consideration of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Sire announced as the committee, Rep's Pearce, of New York ; Hopkins, of Pennsylvania ; and Ridgely, of Ohio.

A petition was received from brothers John M. Wolfe, John Spalding, Smith Rockwell, T. W. Hays, Richard Eno, William P. Dunton, and John Wilson, praying for a charter for a lodge, to be located at Norfolk, Virginia, and hailed by the title of "Washington Lodge, No. 2," and to be attached to the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

On motion, the petition was referred to a special committee of three.

* Grand Lodge in the State of New Jersey.—This opening occurred on the 3d of August, 1833.

The Grand Sire appointed Rep's Pearce, of New York ; Hopkins, of Pennsylvania ; and Robinson, of Delaware, the committee.

A letter was received from brother Gettys, Grand Sire elect, informing the Grand Lodge that his absence from the meeting was caused by indisposition, and that he expects to arrive in Baltimore to-morrow.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

TUESDAY, September 3d, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, the same Officers and Representatives as yesterday.

The Grand Sire communicated to the Grand Lodge, the resignation of P. G. Brannan, G. Treasurer elect, which was accepted.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of Grand Treasurer, when, P. D. G. M. AUGUSTUS MATHIOT, was unanimously elected.

P. G. Sire Wildey, previous to leaving the chair, delivered the following

FAREWELL ADDRESS.

BRETHREN :

The period has now arrived when the long and arduous relations existing between us is about to be dissolved, and the duties of the high office you have called me to discharge for the last eight years, are to be surrendered to that authority from which it emanated. It is indeed, my brethren, with mingled feelings of pleasure and pride that I retire from office. The *pleasure* which the retrospect affords, and *pride* at the unparalleled prosperity which our beloved Order exhibits. Profoundly sensible of the distinguished honor you have conferred upon me, and penetrated with a lively sense of gratitude, I should be callous to the best feelings of our nature, did I permit this occasion to pass without thus publicly giving vent to the emotions of my heart.

In the long official career which your confidence has been pleased to mark out for me, many things, I doubt not, have occurred, perhaps irregular and indiscreet. Such, my brethren, you may rest assured, have been errors of the head, and intended in good part by your first officer—such errors as have not, happily, worked any injury to the gigantic march of our devoted institution. It is needless for me to recount to you, who are so well acquainted with the facts, the brilliant history of our Order, during the last eight years, in these United States. It has earned for itself its own monuments, and attained its long denied rank in the scale of human charitable institutions. And I trust nothing shall occur to oppose its onward march to still greater pre-eminence and distinction. Friendship, Love, and Truth are its animating principles, and should be deservedly cherished by us as the great pillars of social intercourse and human happiness.

To you especially, my brethren, the Representatives of the states, am I indebted. To your friendly council, salutary admonition, and useful instruction, much is due by the fraternity, for your vigilance and industry for the welfare of the Order at large. To your unceasing labors, and judicious legislation, the Order is indebted for a wise and able Constitu-

tion ; which, whilst it protects and maintains the authority of this body, gives to every subordinate jurisdiction its just and legitimate rights unimpaired, and piously sustains the ancient landmarks of the Order. Your recent sessions have been attended with more than ordinary labor, and I doubt not that they will be crowned with success.

Permit me, before I close these remarks, to beg you all most earnestly to believe, that I have been directed with an eye single to the prosperity and well-being of our Order in my official course ; and to ask of you to do me the justice to attribute the many errors I may have committed, to over and ill-judged zeal, rather than to caprice or bad design.

And now I beg leave to surrender my office to my successor ; returning, the homage of a grateful heart to the Supreme Being for the guardian care with which he has nursed our beloved Order—for banishing discord and disunion from among us, and putting the seal of disapprobation upon those who would pull down an institution, created for purposes revered by the good, and respected by the virtuous. Let me invoke a continuance of His blessings—may He guide and direct your councils, and temper your deliberations with wisdom and judgment ; so that you may preside over the destinies of this institution with religious and watchful care. May He instill my worthy successor with a due sense of the high responsibilities which await him ; and give to him that clearness of judgment, and firmness of character, integrity of purpose, and brotherly love, so necessary in the office with which you have honored him : and may He finally have Odd Fellowship throughout the globe in his holy keeping.

Brethren, I thank you for your attention ; and although it be painful to part with those with whom we have so long and intimately been associated, by common ties, in unity of council, and in joint efforts to rear and sustain an institution inferior to none on earth, (whose fruit is peace and good will to man)—yet the consciousness of honest effort to discharge my duties, and the cheering success which has crowned our labors, soothes the bitter recollection, and sustains me. Farewell, my brethren—and permit me to tender to you individually, my most affectionate feelings and best wishes for your continued health, happiness and prosperity.

P. G. M. James Gettys was then duly installed Grand Sire.

The Grand Sire appointed D. G. M. ROBERT NEILSON, D. Grand Sire.

Whereupon, on motion, the appointment was unanimously approved, and the D. Grand Sire was then duly installed.

P. G. M. Samuel Pryor, G. Secretary : P. D. G. M. Augustus Mathiot, G. Treasurer ; and P. G. Thomas Morse, G. Guardian, were severally installed.

Rep. Pearce, of New York, from the special committee to whom was referred the application of brothers John M. Wolfe and others, submitted the following report, which was accepted, and the resolution adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The committee to whom was referred the petition of John M. Wolfe and others, respectfully report :

That they have attended to the duty assigned them, and recommend that a warrant to open a subordinate lodge be granted, to work under the

authority, and be subject to the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States—and that that part of the petition to work under the Grand Lodge of Maryland, be rejected.

JOHN PEARCE,
HOWELL HOPKINS,
SIMON ROBINSON.

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted, except that they are subject to the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Rep. Pearce, of New York, submitted the following, which was adopted :

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to procure a new Seal for the Grand Lodge, with such devices as may be approved by the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Sire appointed Rep's Pearce, of New York ; Keyser, of Maryland ; and Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, said committee.

The committee on the funeral obsequies, submitted a report, which was referred back to the same committee, with a recommendation to revise and amend the same.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned to three o'clock this afternoon.

TUESDAY, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present the same Officers and Representatives as in the morning.

Rep. Pearce, of New York, from the special committee to whom was referred the Grand Sire's report, presented the following, which was accepted, and the resolution adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The committee to whom was referred the Grand Sire's communication, respectfully report :

That they have taken into consideration the acting and doing of the Grand Sire during the recess of the Grand Lodge, as directed by them, and are of opinion that all he has done has been for the advantage of the Order. They therefore recommend that the restoration of the charter of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, and the grant of a charter for a Grand Lodge of New Jersey, be sanctioned and ratified—and that the Grand Lodge confirm the act of the Grand Sire in recalling the charter of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and requiring the subordinate lodges in the state, to report direct to the Grand Lodge of the United States, until otherwise ordered by this Grand Lodge. The committee regret to find that the Order in the state of New York is not in as flourishing a situation as we had hoped. They recommend that the Grand Sire shall have a particular care for the interests of the Order in New York, during the present year, and report what measures may be necessary in relation thereto, at the next meeting of this Grand Lodge.

JOHN PEARCE,
HOWELL HOPKINS,
JAMES L. RIDGELY.

Resolved, That the report be accepted, the acts of the Grand Sire ratified, and the charter so granted to the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, be signed by the proper officers, and delivered to that Grand Lodge.

A petition from James McAnnal was read, praying the Grand Sire to grant him a dispensation to become a member of the Order.

On motion of Rep. Ridgely, of Ohio, it was

Resolved, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

On motion of Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, it was

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to examine the reports submitted to the Grand Lodge, and select for publication such as they may think fit.

The Grand Sire appointed as the committee, Rep's Ridgely, of Ohio ; Lucas, of Louisiana ; and P. G. Sire Wildey.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to settle the accounts of this Grand Lodge, and that said committee be requested to report the state of the accounts of the Grand Sire as soon as possible.

The Grand Sire named as the committee, Rep's Keyser, of Maryland ; Ridgely, of Ohio ; and Lucas, of Louisiana.

P. G. M. William Skinner, presented his credentials as Representative from the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

On motion, the credentials were referred to a special committee of three.

The Grand Sire announced as the committee, Rep's Hopkins, of Pennsylvania ; Keyser, of Maryland ; and Ridgely, of Ohio.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, from the special committee on credentials, submitted the following, which was accepted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The special committee to whom was referred the credentials of P. G. M. William Skinner, as a Representative of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, report, that they have examined the said credentials, and find them correct.

HOWELL HOPKINS,
GEORGE KEYSER,
JAMES L. RIDGELY.

Rep. Skinner then appeared and took his seat.

When, on motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, September 4th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment: Present, the same Officers and Representatives as yesterday.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the consideration of the proposed Constitution of this Grand Lodge, as submitted at the Adjourned Session, June 7th, 1833 ; and after amending the same, adopted from Article first to sixteenth, inclusive.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned to seven o'clock this evening.

WEDNESDAY, 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, the same Officers and Representatives as in the morning.

On motion, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That the committee to whom was referred the Work of the Order, be continued.

The Grand Lodge took up for consideration, the seventeenth Article of the Constitution, together with the By-Laws; which, after having been amended, were unanimously adopted.

On motion of Rep. Ridgely, of Ohio, it was

Resolved, That the Constitution and By-Laws, as passed, be collectively adopted as the laws of this Grand Lodge.

On motion, the Grand Lodge then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY, September 5th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, all the Officers and Representatives.

On motion of Rep. Pearce, of New York, it was

Resolved, That the vote on the collective adoption of the Constitution and By-Laws be re-considered.

Whereupon, Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, offered a Preamble to the Constitution and By-Laws, which was adopted.

On motion of Rep. Pearce, of New York, it was

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to prepare a Form of opening and closing the Grand Lodge, and installing the officers.

The Grand Sire appointed as the committee, Rep's Pearce, of New York; Lucas, of Louisiana; and Skinner, of New Jersey.

On motion of Rep. Pearce, of New York, it was

Resolved, That four members be added to the above committee.

The Grand Sire announced as the additional members of the committee, Rep's Keyser, of Maryland; Hopkins, of Pennsylvania; Robinson, of Delaware; and P. G. Sire Wildey.

On motion of Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, the concluding clause of the Constitution and By-Laws was adopted.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned for half an hour.

The time of adjournment having elapsed, the Grand Lodge again assembled.

Rep. Pearce, of New York, from the special committee to whom was referred the subject of preparing a Form of opening, &c., for the Grand Lodge, submitted the following, which was accepted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, a special committee to whom was referred the following resolution, viz: "*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to prepare

a Form of opening and closing the Grand Lodge, and installing the officers"—respectfully report the accompanying Form as suitable.

JOHN PEARCE, *Chairman*.

On motion, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That the Form as reported by the committee be added to the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, the following were adopted:

Resolved, That the committee on Form of opening and closing, &c., be directed to report a code of Rules of Order, at the next stated meeting of the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the Preamble, Constitution and By-Laws be now finally adopted as the Constitution and By-Laws of this Grand Lodge.*

* *The Constitution*.—The following is a perfect copy of the Constitution and By-Laws:

"CONSTITUTION.

Preamble—Whereas, it has been found expedient and of great importance to mankind to perpetuate those institutions which confer on them great and essential benefit—Therefore, the Grand Lodge of the United States of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, for the more effectual purpose of binding each other in the bond of one common union, by which we will be enabled to ensure a co-operation of action, and of providing for the best interests of our beloved Order; based as it is upon the permanent principles of universal benevolence, friendship and philanthropy, and to secure unto ourselves and posterity more effectually the blessings which are to be derived from so valuable and beneficial an institution—Do ordain and establish the following as the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Art. 1. This Lodge shall be known by the name, style and title of "The Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the United States of America," and possesses original and exclusive jurisdiction in Odd Fellowship, over the territories comprising the Federal Government of the United States. It is the source of all true and legitimate authority in Odd Fellowship in the United States of America. All state, district and territorial Grand Lodges and Encampments assemble under its warrant, and derive their authority from it. With it, is placed the power to enact such laws and regulations as shall be for the good of the Order in general. It is the ultimate tribunal to which all matters of general importance to the state, district and territorial Grand Lodges and Encampments are to be referred, and its decisions thereon shall be final and conclusive—and with the consent of the Grand Lodge, or Encampment, of a state, district or territory, may receive an appeal of a subordinate lodge from the decision of its state Grand Lodge. To it belongs the power to regulate and control the work of the Order, and the several degrees belonging thereto; to fix and determine the customs and usages in regard to all things which concern Odd Fellowship. This Grand Lodge has inherent power to establish lodges in foreign countries where no Grand Lodge exists—such lodges shall work by virtue of a warrant granted by this Grand Lodge.

Art. 2. The members of this Grand Lodge shall be, the Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Marshal, Grand Guardian, Grand Chaplain, and the Representatives or Proxies from state, district and territorial Grand Lodges, acting under a legal unrecalled warrant granted by this Grand Lodge.

Art. 3. The elective officers shall be, M. W. G. Sire, R. W. D. G. Sire, R. W. G. Secretary, and R. W. G. Treasurer, who shall be elected bi-annually at the stated meeting of this Grand Lodge, in October; and shall be duly installed, and enter on the duties of their office at the stated meeting next ensuing their election. The W. G. Marshal, W. G. Guardian and W. G. Chaplain, shall be nominated by the G. Sire: if approved of by the Grand Lodge, shall be installed at the stated meeting next ensuing the election of the Grand Officers. They shall attend each meeting of the Grand Lodge, and perform such duties as are enjoined by the laws and regulations of the Order, and such as may be required by the presiding officers.

Art. 4. The G. Sire shall preside at the meetings of the Grand Lodge, preserve order and enforce the laws thereof. He shall have the casting vote whenever the Grand Lodge shall be equally divided, but shall not vote upon any other occasion. During the recess of this Grand Lodge, he shall have a general superintendence of the interests of the Order, and make report to the next stated meeting of his acting and doing in relation thereto. He shall not hold any elective office in any state, district or territory Grand Lodge or Encampment, while acting as Grand Sire.

Art. 5. The D. G. Sire shall open and close the meetings of the Grand Lodge, support the G. Sire by his advice and assistance, and preside in his absence; and in the absence of the G. Sire and D. G. Sire, the Grand Lodge shall elect a G. Sire, *pro tempore*.

Art. 6. The G. Secretary shall make a just and true record of all the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, in a book provided for that purpose; summons the members to attend at stated and special meetings; keep accounts between the Lodge and the Grand or Subordinate Lodges under its jurisdiction; he shall read all petitions, reports and communications; write all letters and communications when required, and perform such other duties as this Grand Lodge may from time to time require. He shall receive for his services such sum of money as the Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine.

Art. 7. The G. Treasurer shall receive all moneys due to the Grand Lodge; pay all orders drawn on him by the G. Sire, attested by the G. Secretary and seal of the Grand Lodge; he shall lay before the Grand Lodge, at their stated meeting in October, a full and correct statement of his accounts.

Art. 8. P. G. Sires shall be admitted to a seat in this Grand Lodge, and be entitled to one vote on all questions coming before this Grand Lodge.

Art. 9. The G. Guardian shall prove every brother before he admits him, and allow no one to depart without the password.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to have five hundred copies of the Constitution and By-Laws, and three hundred copies of the proceedings of the Adjourned Meeting held in June, and of this Session of the Grand Lodge, printed.

Art. 10. Representatives or Proxies from Grand Lodges must be Past Grands in good standing, who have received the R. P. degree; they must have been elected or appointed by the Grand Lodge they represent, and be furnished with a certificate as follows:

"To the G. L. of U. S. of I. O. of O. F.—F. L. T.—This certifies, that P. G. _____ has been duly elected (or appointed) Representative (or Proxy) from the Grand Lodge of _____, to the Grand Lodge of the United States, for the period of one year from the date hereof.

Witness, our hands and seal of Grand Lodge, this _____ day of _____, 18—, A. D.

[Seal.]

G. Master.
G. Sec'y.

Each Representative, or in his absence the Proxy, shall be entitled to vote on all questions before the Grand Lodge, in manner following, to wit: each Grand Lodge having less than one thousand members, one vote—and each Grand Lodge having more than one thousand members, one additional vote; the annual returns of the several Grand Lodges to determine the number of votes each Grand Lodge is entitled to. No officer of the Grand Lodge, unless he be a Representative, shall be permitted to vote—except in the case of the G. Sire, or P. G. Sires, as herein before provided—and no Representative, or Proxy, shall represent more than one Grand Lodge at the same time.

Art. 11. The Grand Lodge of the United States shall meet annually on the first Monday of October, and on its own adjournments—and specially, on the call of the G. Sire. When the purpose of the meeting is the granting of a charter, the G. Sire may convene the Grand Lodge, upon causing two weeks notice to be given to the Representatives, or Proxies, of the different Grand Lodges, and communicating to them the special purpose thereof. In other special cases, the G. Sire shall cause two months notice to be given to the different state, district and territorial Grand Lodges, and communicate to them the purpose for which the special meeting is called. In no case shall any business be transacted at a special meeting, except notice thereof shall have been given as above stated. The hours of meeting shall be nine o'clock, A. M., and in such place as the Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine.

Art. 12. The revenue of the Grand Lodge shall be as follows, viz:

1st. Fees for Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment charters, \$30.

2d. Fees for charter to subordinate lodges or Encampments, working under its immediate jurisdiction, \$30.

3d. Dues from subordinate lodges or Encampments, holding warrants from this Lodge, 10 per cent. on its receipts.

4th. Dues from state, district and territorial Grand Lodges, viz:—\$20 per annum for each vote it shall be entitled to in this Lodge.

Art. 13. In case of death, resignation, disqualification or refusal of the G. Sire to serve, the duties of his office shall be performed by the R. W. D. G. Sire, until the next stated meeting of the Grand Lodge, when an election shall be had for a G. Sire. And in case of the death, resignation, disqualification or refusal to serve of any elective or appointed officer, the G. Sire shall appoint some qualified brother to perform the duties until the next stated meeting, when an election or appointment, as the case may require, shall be had.

Art. 14. Each Grand Lodge, working under an unclaimed warrant granted by the Grand Lodge of the United States, may by its Representative nominate a candidate for the office of G. Sire, and also a candidate for the office of D. G. Sire. The candidate thus nominated must be a P. G. Master, who shall have received the R. P. degree, and be a contributing member of a subordinate lodge: a majority of all the votes given shall be necessary to elect a G. Sire or a D. G. Sire.

Art. 15. A majority of the Representatives or Proxies of the several Grand Lodges shall be necessary to form a quorum for the transaction of business. All questions shall be decided by a majority of the votes given.

Art. 16. By-laws in conformity with this Constitution may be made, which shall not be altered or amended, unless such amendment be made at a stated meeting, and assented to by two-thirds of the votes given.

Art. 17. Any alteration or amendment of this Constitution must be offered to this Grand Lodge in writing, at a stated meeting thereof, and if seconded, it shall be entered on the minutes; at the next stated meeting the amendments may be considered, and if agreed to by two-thirds of the votes given, shall become a part of the Constitution.

BY-LAWS.

Art. 1. Upon the petition of five brothers of the Order, of good standing, praying for a charter to open a subordinate lodge in a state, district or territory where a Grand Lodge has not been established, this Lodge may grant the same. All subordinate lodges receiving a warrant from the Grand Lodge of the United States, shall be opened by a Past Grand of the Order, regularly deputized therefor by the G. Sire—who shall deliver to such lodge the warrant and charge book—and shall at the opening thereof give all necessary instruction. Such lodge shall be visited at least once a year by the G. Sire, or some Past Grand deputized by him for that purpose.

Art. 2. Upon the petition of seven qualified members of the Order, in good standing, praying for a warrant to open an Encampment in a state, district or territory where a Grand Encampment has not been established, this Lodge may grant the same. All Encampments receiving a warrant from this Grand Lodge shall be opened by the G. Sire, or by a qualified Patriarch by him deputed—who shall deliver to such Encampment the warrant and charge book, and such instructions as may be necessary. Such Encampment shall be visited at least once a year by the G. Sire, or some Patriarch deputized by him for that purpose.

Art. 3. Subordinate lodges and Encampments working under a warrant granted by this Lodge, shall transmit to the G. Sire, regular quarterly reports of their receipts, number of members, number initiated, number expelled and the cause thereof, with the names of their officers—and accompany such report with the per centage belonging to this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Sire appointed as the committee, Rep's Ridgely, of Ohio; Keyser, of Maryland; and P. G. Sire Wildey.

On motion of Rep. Pearce, of New York, it was

Resolved, That the printing committee be directed to have twenty-four copies of all the proceedings of the Grand Lodge bound, for the use of the members during its sessions.

On motion, the following were adopted:

Resolved, That in addition to the duties of the committee to settle the accounts of the Grand Lodge, they be requested to collect the papers, documents, and property of the Grand Lodge, and deposit them in the archives.

Resolved, That when this Grand Lodge adjourns, it adjourns to meet in the city of Washington, on the first Monday in January, 1834.

On motion of Rep. Pearce, of New York, it was

Resolved, That the committee appointed in June, relative to the token of respect to P. G. Sire Wildey, be discharged.

On motion of Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, it was

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to procure and present to P. G. Sire Wildey, a piece of plate, of at least \$500 value, as a mark of the respect and regard in which this Grand Lodge hold his services for the Order.

The Grand Sire appointed as the committee, Rep's Hopkins, of Pennsylvania; Keyser, of Maryland; Pearce, of New York; Skinner, of New Jersey; Ridgely, of Ohio; and Lucas, of Louisiana.

On motion of Rep. Keyser, of Maryland, it was

Art. 4. Two or more subordinate lodges, or Encampments, located in any state, district or territory where a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment has not been established, having seven Past Grands or Patriarchs in good standing, may petition the Grand Lodge of the United States, in writing, praying for the charter of a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, in such state, district or territory—which, if approved of by a majority of the votes given, shall be granted; and such Grand Lodge or Encampment shall be opened by the G. Sire, or by some properly qualified brother or Patriarch whom he shall deputize.

Art. 5. All travelling and other expenses of the G. Sire, Past Grand or Patriarch, deputized by him to open a Grand Lodge, or subordinate lodge or Encampment, shall be paid by such lodge or Encampment.

Art. 6. Applications for charters for Grand or Subordinate Lodges or Encampments, must be accompanied by the fee therefor; which shall be returned if the charter is not granted.

Art. 7. Each Grand Lodge and Encampment shall have a grand seal, an impression whereof shall be sent to the G. Sire, and by him deposited in the archives of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Art. 8. The G. Sire shall forward a yearly password to the Grand Master of each Grand Lodge, and to the N. G. of subordinate lodges, working under its jurisdiction.

Art. 9. The Representative or Proxy of each Grand Lodge shall present the certificate of his appointment to the Grand Lodge, and be examined by a committee as to his qualifications for the office. His expenses shall be paid by his Grand Lodge, and should he neglect or refuse to attend the meeting of the Grand Lodge of the United States, when duly notified, he shall be fined five dollars, unless prevented by sickness or other unavoidable occurrences.

Art. 10. It shall be the duty of the R. W. G. Secretary to furnish a copy of the Constitution and By-laws to each Representative at the stated meeting of this Grand Lodge.

Art. 11. No Grand Lodge, who shall be in arrears more than two years for dues, can be permitted to vote by its Representative or Proxy.

Art. 12. All expenses of this Grand Lodge shall be paid by an order drawn on the R. W. G. Treasurer, signed by the G. Sire, and attested by the G. Secretary; the same being authorized by a vote of this Grand Lodge.

Art. 13. Annual returns shall be made by each state, district or territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, to this Grand Lodge, in which they shall make an accurate return of the number of members of the Order belonging to such Grand Lodge; the number and name of members suspended or expelled, and the cause thereof; also, the names of their P. G. Masters and P. G. Patriarchs.

Art. 14. At the time and hour appointed for the stated or special meetings of the Grand Lodge of the United States, the G. Sire shall take his chair and organize the meeting, by directing the G. Secretary to call the names of the elective and appointed officers, after which the Representatives shall present the certificates of their appointment to the Secretary, who shall report to the G. Sire the number of Representatives present; when, if a quorum be met, the G. Sire shall call on the G. Chaplain to address the Supreme Ruler of the Universe with prayer.

The D. G. Sire shall then examine the several Representatives as to their qualifications for membership, and report to the G. Sire; if found qualified, the G. Sire shall direct them to regale themselves, and take their seats as members.

The members having taken their seats, the G. Sire shall raise the Lodge, and the D. G. Sire declare the Lodge duly opened for transacting the business of the Grand Lodge.

When the business of the session is concluded, the G. Chaplain shall again address the Supreme Ruler of the Universe with prayer—and the D. G. Sire shall declare the Lodge closed."

Resolved, That the said committee address a communication to the several state Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, and request each to appoint a committee to raise the necessary funds to carry the aforesaid resolution into effect.

Rep. Robinson, of Delaware, made the following statement: That in consequence of Delaware Encampment, No. 1, having received, and is working at present under a charter granted by Jerusalem Encampment, No. 1, of Maryland, which I now understand has relinquished the power to grant charters to subordinate Encampments, and being informed that our present is not a legal one, I would therefore make application to the Grand Lodge of the United States to grant Delaware Encampment, No. 1, a charter.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That a new charter be granted to the Encampment in Delaware, on the surrender of the charter now held.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned.

SAMUEL PRYOR, *Grand Secretary*.

ADJOURNED SESSION

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES,

Held at the City of Washington, D. C., January, 1834.

WEDNESDAY, January 8th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled at Odd Fellows' Hall, city of Washington, D. C., pursuant to a resolution of September Session, 1833.

The roll having been called, and a quorum not appearing, on motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet at three o'clock, P. M.

WEDNESDAY, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge convened pursuant to adjournment; Present,

JAMES GETTYS,

M. W. G. Sire.

THOMAS MORSE,

W. G. Guardian.

G. M. JOHN PEARCE,

Proxy Rep. of New York.

P. G. HOWELL HOPKINS,

Rep. of Pennsylvania.

P. G. JOSEPH BORROWS,

Rep. of District of Columbia.

G. M. GEORGE M. DAVIS,

Proxy Rep. of New Jersey, and

P. G. Sire THOMAS WILDEY.

The credentials of Rep's Borrows, of District of Columbia, and George M. Davis, of New Jersey, were examined and found correct.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, was appointed Grand Secretary, *pro tem*.

Absent :* D. Grand Sire, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, and Rep's Keyser, of Maryland ; Ridgely, of Ohio ; Lucas, of Louisiana ; and Robinson, of Delaware.

The following resolution was submitted, and on motion, laid on the table.

Resolved, That the absent Officers and Representatives be fined for non-attendance.

The quarterly report of Virginia Lodge, No. 1, commencing August 15th, and ending November 18th, 1833, was read and accepted ; and the amount of per centage, \$ 12 72, received.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That Rep. Borrows, of District of Columbia, be a committee to inquire whether P. Callan is a contributing member of Virginia Lodge, No. 1.

The report of Boon Lodge, No. 1, of Kentucky, for the quarter ending October 28th, 1833, was presented ;

Likewise, a petition from P. G's John J. Roach, Joseph Barclay, Stephen Barclay, J. W. Holt, and George H. Sanders, praying for a charter for a Grand Lodge for the state of Kentucky, and to be located at Louisville ; accompanied with a recommendation from Boon Lodge, No. 1.

On motion, the report, petition, and accompanying documents, were referred to a special committee of three.

The Grand Sire appointed Rep's Hopkins, of Pennsylvania ; Pearce, of New York ; and Borrows, of District of Columbia, the committee.

A petition was presented from brothers James Crawford, Philip McBride, John Stahl, Henry Chapman, Jacob Att, and George W. Cushman ; praying for a charter for a lodge to be located at Harper's Ferry, Virginia, and hailed as " _____ Lodge, No. 3," accompanied with a recommendation from Virginia Lodge, No. 1.

On motion, the petition and accompanying documents were referred to a special committee of three.

The Grand Sire named as the committee, Rep's Pearce, of New York ; Borrows, of District of Columbia ; and Davis, of New Jersey.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until to-morrow afternoon, at four o'clock.

THURSDAY, January 9th, 4 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment : Present, the same Officers and Representatives as yesterday.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, from the special committee to whom was referred the petition of P. G. Roach and others, presented the following, which was adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The committee to whom was referred the reports and communications of Boon Lodge, No. 1, of Kentucky, and the application for a charter by sundry Past Grands, for a Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows in the state of Kentucky, report :

* *Absent.*—The list of absentees makes it apparent that there was no quorum present at this Session.

That the reports are not in form ; that all subordinate lodges are in duty bound to report the state of the lodge, both as respects the amount of their receipts, the number of members they have, the number initiated each quarter, the number expelled, and the reasons therefor ; and accompany such report with the per centage on the receipts of the lodge. They recommend that the Grand Secretary transmit to Boon Lodge, by order of this Grand Lodge, a direction as to the form in which they must in future make their communications and reports ; and inform them that their per centage is to be paid on the receipts of the lodge, and not on the balance after paying expenses.

Your committee further report, that agreeable to the constitution of this Grand Lodge, the prayer of the petitioners for a Grand Lodge charter cannot be granted, as there is but one subordinate lodge in Kentucky, and that lodge is in arrears for dues.

They therefore recommend that the Grand Secretary address a circular to Boon Lodge, informing them of the decision of this Grand Lodge on the petition.

All of which, is respectfully submitted.

HOWELL HOPKINS,
JOHN PEARCE,
JOSEPH BORROWS.

Rep. Pearce, of New York, from the special committee to whom was referred the petition of James Crawford and others, submitted the following, which was received and adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The committee to whom was referred the petition from the brethren at Harper's Ferry, praying for a charter for a new lodge, beg leave to report :

That they have had the same under consideration, and as the number of the members of the Order residing at Harper's Ferry does not exceed forty, they consider the prayer of the petitioners should not be granted, it being inexpedient at this time.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN PEARCE,
JOSEPH BORROWS,
GEORGE M. DAVIS.

Rep. Pearce, of New York, stated that in December last he visited New York on the subject referred to the Grand Sire,—he having written several times without having an answer :—that on his visit to the city of New York, he ascertained the Grand Lodge was not in such a situation as was desirable.* That the Grand Lodge was located at Albany, composed of

* *Not in such a situation as was desirable.*—If the Order in the jurisdiction of New York was at any previous time in a healthy condition, it certainly did not continue so after the period of the removal of the Grand Lodge to Albany, which is about as remote as the authentic records of that Grand Lodge, now in possession, will allow us to investigate. What led to the removal does not appear; every thing is left to inference. The proceedings of the last session held in the city of New York prior to the removal, (August 15th, 1883,) do not exhibit the slightest indication of such intention. Brother Russel Watts, who resided at Albany, was elected and installed Grand Master at that meeting; and, without consulting the Grand Lodge, within the same month of his installation, he raised a committee in that city, consisting of himself and two others, who admitted six Past Grands as members of the Grand Lodge. The succeeding minutes of that body are dated "Albany, Sept. 19th, 1883," but they are

few Past Grands, and that the lodges located in the city of New York are without a proper representation in the Grand Lodge; and they wish the Grand Lodge to be restored to New York.

Rep. Pearce, of New York, then submitted the following:

Whereas, It has been represented to the Grand Lodge, that Odd Fellowship is suffering in the state of New York, by reason of the Grand Lodge of that state meeting in Albany; and that the good of the Order will be promoted by the Grand Lodge meeting in the city of New York:—Therefore,

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of the state of New York shall in future meet in the city of New York.

On motion, the resolution was laid on the table.

On motion, the resolution as submitted, to fine absent Officers and Representatives, was taken up for consideration, and was decided in the affirmative.

An appeal of C. B. F. Oneal from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, was presented, and, on motion, referred to Rep's Pearce, of New York; Keyser, of Maryland; and Robinson, of Delaware.

On motion of Rep. Borrows, of District of Columbia, it was

Resolved, That all necessary travelling expenses of the Officers of the Grand Lodge, shall be paid out of the funds of the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Rep. Borrows, of District of Columbia, it was

Resolved, That the dues now owing by the subordinate lodges of New Jersey, be paid into the treasury of the Grand Lodge of said state.

On motion, the Grand Lodge then adjourned, to meet at the city of New York, August 16th, 1834.

HOWELL HOPKINS, *Grand Secretary, pro tem.*

equally destitute of allusion to the subject of removal, as those of the following year are silent on the subject of a new charter in lieu of the one obtained in 1823. Under the constitution in force at the time, the sessions were provided to be held monthly, and so soon as three sessions had been held there, the offices filled by those brothers not residing in Albany were declared vacant, and were supplied by residents at the new seat of the Grand Lodge. From all of which, we must conclude that neither the consent of those grand officers, nor of those who elected them, had been obtained for the removal. The succeeding transactions are most remarkable for exhibiting a diabolical scramble for the grand offices. In the course of 1829, no less than three formal elections were held in the Grand Lodge, when as many different candidates were elected Grand Master, etc., and claimed office. The well-being of the subordinate lodges, on which principally the solid prosperity of the Order rests, received so little attention, that at a session held on June 4th, 1830, it became necessary to receive back the charters of lodges Nos. 3, 5 and 7, being all that were located at Albany, and consolidate the members into one body; for which a free charter was granted as "Union Lodge, No. 8." At the same session, lodge No. 2, in Dutchess county, surrendered her charter. But the Grand Lodge failed to learn efficiency even by such lessons; the same spirit continued to influence which had misdirected its previous conduct. During the year extending from the time of the election of August 6th, 1830, to August 5th, 1831, when eleven sessions were provided to be held, apathy or discord prevented more than one meeting to assemble where a quorum of five members is recorded as present; two sessions were organized by four members, one by three, and the remaining seven failed to organize by reason of "there not being a quorum present." Such is the pitiable history of the situation of the Grand Lodge of New York, furnished by its own records. Very little can be obtained from the same source relative to the condition of the subordinate lodges under its charge. The receipts of per centage afford the only means by which to judge, and from that testimony it would appear, that no portion of the jurisdiction maintained an enviable prosperity, unless viewed comparatively. Within the year ending November 1st, 1833, embracing the period alluded to by the worthy Grand Representative on whose report we now base the payments acknowledged were as follows: From lodge No. 1, at New York, \$20 83; lodge No. 4, do., \$10 00; lodge No. 9, do., \$13 12; lodge No. 10, do., \$16 00; lodge No. 6, at Columbusville, \$7 24; lodge No. 8, at Albany, \$6 86.

ADJOURNED SESSION
OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES,

Held at the City of New York, August, 1834.

SATURDAY, August 16th, 1834.

The R. W. Grand Lodge convened this day at Masonic Hall, city of New York, pursuant to a resolution of the Adjourned Session held at the city of Washington, D. C., January 9th, 1834, when the following were present

JAMES GETTYS,	M. W. G. Sire.
ROBERT NEILSON,	R. W. D. G. Sire.
SAMUEL PRYOR,	R. W. G. Secretary.
THOMAS MORSE,	W. G. Guardian.
P. G. HOWELL HOPKINS,	Rep. of Pennsylvania.
G. M. JOHN PEARCE,	Rep. of New Jersey, and
P. G. Sire, THOMAS WILDEY.	

The credentials of P. G. M. George Keyser, and D. G. M. Henry S. Sanderson, as Representatives from the Grand Lodge of Maryland, were presented.

Also, communications were presented and read from the Grand Lodges of District of Columbia and Delaware, authorizing the Grand Sire to appoint Proxy Representatives to represent the said Grand Lodges at the Adjourned Session to be held at the city of New York, August, 1834.

Whereupon, the Grand Sire appointed D. G. Sire, Robert Neilson, Proxy Representative for the Grand Lodge of District of Columbia, and P. G. Dominick McDonald, Proxy Representative for the Grand Lodge of Delaware.

A communication was also presented and read from Proxy Rep. Samuel Lucas, of Louisiana, deputizing P. G. Andrew E. Warner to act for him.

On motion, the credentials and communications were referred to a special committee.

The Grand Sire announced as the committee, Rep's Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, and Pearce, of New Jersey.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, from the special committee to whom was referred the credentials of Representatives, communications, &c., submitted the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The committee to whom was referred the credentials of Representatives and Proxies report—That the credentials of the Representatives of the Grand Lodge of Maryland are correct.

That the communications from the Grand Lodges of District of Columbia and Delaware, also the communication from the Representative of Louisiana, are informal, and not according to the Constitution ; and ought not to be received. They submit the following resolutions for adoption.

HOWELL HOPKINS,
JOHN PEARCE.

Resolved, That P. G. M. George Keyser, and D. G. M. Henry S. Sanderson, be acknowledged as the Representatives of the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

Resolved, That the communication from the Grand Lodges of District of Columbia and Delaware, authorizing the Grand Sire to appoint Proxy Representatives for them, and also the one from Proxy Rep. Lucas, of Louisiana, authorizing P. G. A. E. Warner to act for him, are informal and cannot be received.

On motion, the report was accepted, and the resolutions adopted.*

Rep. Sanderson, of Maryland, then appeared and took his seat.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned to Monday next.

MONDAY, August 18th, 1834.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment : Present, the same Officers and Representatives as on Saturday.

The credentials of P. G. John F. Engold, Representative of the Grand Lodge of New York, were presented.

On motion, the credentials were referred to the committee on credentials.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, from the committee on credentials, presented the following report, which was accepted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The committee on credentials report, That the credentials of Rep. Engold, of New York, are correct, and he should be acknowledged as the regular Representative from said state.

HOWELL HOPKINS,
JOHN PEARCE.

The proceedings of the Adjourned Session, January 8th and 9th, 1834, were read and found correct.

Rep. Pearce, of New Jersey, from the special committee appointed to procure a Seal for this Grand Lodge, submitted the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The committee appointed to procure a Seal for the Grand Lodge, respectfully report—That they have complied with the resolution, and that the Seal is finished. They also present a bill for the same, amounting to \$7 50.

JOHN PEARCE,
GEORGE KEYSER,
HOWELL HOPKINS.

* *The resolutions adopted.*—On the day the vote was taken adopting these resolutions, there was no quorum in attendance ; and it is doubtful, on a strict construction, such as was afterward observed, whether a constitutional quorum was present during the session. The matter of decision contained in the last resolution was manifestly sound, although necessity had in previous cases seemed to justify a different construction of the Constitution.

On motion, the report was accepted, and the Seal approved as the Seal of this Grand Lodge, and that an order be drawn on the Treasurer for \$7 50, the amount of the above bill.

Rep. Pearce, of New Jersey, from the special committee to whom was referred the appeal of C. B. F. Oneal, January 9th, 1834, presented the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The committee appointed at the last meeting of the Grand Lodge of the United States, on the appeal of C. B. F. Oneal from the vote of expulsion of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, beg leave to offer the following report:

That they have attended to the duty of their appointment, and after hearing both parties, they have every reason to believe that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has not acted in conformity with its own Constitution and By-Laws, as regards the rights and privileges of the applicant ; particularly with the Seventeenth Article of the By-Laws, which requires notice to be given to the offending brother before he can be legally expelled from the Order. This does not appear to have been complied with.

The resolution, March 2d, as recorded in the minutes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, was passed after a report was made by the committee appointed to hear the case of the appellant, which requires the committee to act a second time on another and entirely new complaint, as will be seen by the minutes of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. That the said committee made a second report at the same meeting of the Grand Lodge, at which new charges were preferred, while it appears the appellant had not the opportunity of a defence, and consequently was expelled at the same meeting at which the resolution was passed preferring the charges.

Your committee do not deem it any part of their duty to inquire into the cause of the expulsion of the appellant from the subordinate lodge of which he was a member, and which occasioned his appeal to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in the first instance, as the Grand Lodge of the United States has no jurisdiction over subordinate lodges where a state Grand Lodge exists.

Your committee beg leave, therefore, to offer the following resolution :

Resolved, That brother C. B. F. Oneal is entitled to a fair and impartial hearing, and a new trial by the Grand Lodge of the state of Pennsylvania ; and that he be restored to all his rights of membership in the said Grand Lodge for that purpose ; and that the vote of expulsion passed on the 23d of September, 1833, be and the same is hereby annulled by this Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN PEARCE,
GEORGE KEYSER,
SIMON ROBINSON.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution adopted.

A petition was presented from Sidney L. Lyon, James E. Shaw, Marshall Halbert, J. Y. Dashiell, Alexander Pringle, James Lyman, H. Baker, A. W. R. Harris and Charles Welford, praying for a charter to open a lodge at Louisville, Kentucky, to be hailed "Chosen Friends Lodge, No. 2."

On motion, the petition was referred to a special committee of two.

The Grand Sire appointed P. G. Sire, Wildey, and Rep. Pearce, of New Jersey, the committee.

A petition was presented from P. G.'s James Clark, James Coates, Wm. Schaffer, E. C. Robinson, William McGraw, Peter Callan, and James P. Quinar, of Virginia Lodge, No. 1, at Harper's Ferry, and Washington Lodge, No. 2, at Norfolk, Virginia, praying for a charter to establish a Grand Lodge for the state of Virginia, to be located at Harper's Ferry.

On motion, the petition was referred to a special committee of three, with directions to report at the next Annual Communication.

The Grand Sire appointed as the committee, Rep's Sanderson, of Maryland; Ridgely, of Ohio; and Lucas, of Louisiana.

A petition was presented from Joseph Barclay, Stephen Barclay, Thos. H. Brice, H. Wolford, George Scott, John Hawkins, Joseph Metcalf, F. Samiento, William Hunt, W. P. Canby, H. H. Moray, and Patriarch J. J. Roach, praying for a charter for an Encampment of Patriarchs, to be located at Louisville, Kentucky, and hailed as "Mt. Horeb Encampment, No. 1."

On motion, the petition was referred to a special committee of two.

The Grand Sire appointed Rep's Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, and Sanderson, of Maryland, the committee.

A petition was presented from Patriarchs Frederick Leise, John A. Kennedy, James M. Connelly, James R. Bogert, John F. Engold, Anthony Buckenberger, and Charles Mowatt, praying for a charter for an Encampment of Patriarchs, to be located at the city of New York, and hailed as "Mt. Hebron Encampment, No. —."

On motion, the petition was referred to a special committee of three.

The Grand Sire announced as the committee, Rep's Sanderson, of Maryland; Hopkins, of Pennsylvania; and Pearce, of New Jersey.

A petition was presented from brother ——— and others, praying for a charter for a lodge, to be located at St. Louis, Missouri, and hailed as "Travellers' Rest Lodge, No. 1."

On motion, the petition was referred to a special committee of two.

The Grand Sire announced Rep's Engold, of New York, and Pearce, of New Jersey, the committee.

P. G. Sire Wildey, from the special committee to whom was referred the petition of Sidney L. Lyon, and others, presented the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, to whom was referred the petition of Sidney L. Lyon, and others, praying for a charter for a lodge, to be located at Louisville, Ky., and hailed as "Chosen Friends Lodge, No. 2," report that they have considered the subject referred, and submit the accompanying resolution for adoption.

THOMAS WILDEY,
JOHN PEARCE.

Resolved, That a charter be granted, as prayed for.

On motion, the report was accepted, and the resolution adopted.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, from the special committee to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Barclay, and others, presented the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The special committee to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Barclay, and others, praying for a charter for an Encampment of Patriarchs, to be located at Louisville, Ky., and hailed as "Mt. Horeb Encampment, No. 1," have had the subject under consideration, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

HOWELL HOPKINS,
HENRY S. SANDERSON.

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

On motion, the report was accepted, and the resolution adopted.

Rep. Engold, of New York, from the special committee to whom was referred the petition of ——— and others, presented the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The committee to whom was referred the petition of ———, and others, praying for a charter for a lodge, to be located at St. Louis, Missouri, and hailed as "Travellers' Rest Lodge, No. 1," respectfully report, that they have attended to the duty entrusted to them, and submit the following resolution for adoption.

J. F. ENGOLD,
JOHN PEARCE.

Resolved, That a charter be granted, as prayed for.

On motion, the report was accepted, and the resolution adopted.

A communication was received from brother Albert Guild, of Boston, informing the Grand Lodge that the lodges in Boston were much in the same state as when visited by P. G. Sire Wildey; that the charter, books, &c., of the Siloam, Washington and Adam Lodges, together with the books of the Grand Lodge, are in his possession; and that there appears to be no prospect at present of the above lodges being again opened.

Also, letters were received from brother Paul, of Lowell, Massachusetts, dated May 14, and July 13, 1834, requesting information relative to the payment of per centage, and requesting the appointment of an agent in Boston to receive the money and give a receipt for it, to insure the lodge against responsibility and loss. Also, informing the Grand Lodge that the Legislature of Massachusetts have passed a law to prohibit the administering and receiving of non-judicial oaths. The letter further says: "This seems to us like a death blow to our Order in Massachusetts; for not only literal oaths, but whatever amounts to the same thing, by no unnatural construction of the law, may be deemed an offence, by whoever may be informed of by one person, as an aider and abettor, amerced in the sum of two hundred dollars; and however desirous we may be to perpetuate our ancient and honorable institution, we have respect for the laws, and must wait to know from you what course to take." Also, wishing to know what will be their quota to contribute for the plate to be presented to P. G. Sire Wildey.

The letter of July 13th contained a copy of the law of Massachusetts, on the subject of oaths; also, twenty dollars, being the nearest amount that

could conveniently be sent, for the payment of ten per cent. on \$237 40, for the quarter ending 14th April.

On motion, the letters from Lowell relative to the oaths, were referred to a special committee, to consist of members of the bar.

The Grand Sire appointed as the committee, Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, and Ridgely, of Ohio.

On motion, the Grand Secretary was directed to communicate to brother Paul the reference of the subject relative to oaths. Also, to inform him of the manner to make remittances.

Rep. Engold, of New York, informed the Grand Lodge that he had collected and paid to D. G. Sire Neilson, \$20 37, on account of the plate to be presented to P. G. Sire Wildey.

On motion, the Grand Secretary was requested to write to the members of the committee appointed to procure subscriptions for the plate, to pay all money they have received to the Grand Treasurer.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, requested the approbation of the Grand Lodge of a jewel, to be worn by members of Grand Encampments of Patriarchs; the jewel consists of a double triangle, ornamented with colored stones, to represent the several degrees in the Order. Which request was concurred in.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, from the special committee to whom was referred the petition of F. Leise, and others, presented the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The special committee, to whom was referred the petition for an Encampment of Patriarchs, to be located at the city of New York, respectfully report: That by virtue of a charter granted to the Grand Lodge of New York, the power to confer Encampment degrees was granted to it; and that said Grand Lodge of New York, in the year 1829, granted a charter to open an Encampment in the city of Albany; and that charter granted to said Encampment the exclusive power to grant charters for Encampments* in the state of New York. Your committee are therefore of opinion, that this Grand Lodge have no authority to grant a charter for an Encampment in New York; but that that power is at present vested in

* *Power to grant Charters for Encampments.*—At the period when Encampments were organized under the several Grand Lodges, it was deemed advisable to confer on them powers similar to those formerly conceded, under like circumstances, to lodges—that is, to permit the senior body to exercise the limited authority of establishing co-ordinates. It is somewhat remarkable that such a principle should have been tolerated in the advanced state to which the Order had attained in 1829; yet, all the charters issued for the first Encampments in the four old states, being alike in tenor, recognized the same incongruity. As soon as new Encampments were opened, the power of superintendence was naturally asserted on the part of the mother Encampment, and as promptly resisted by the junior. The manifest impropriety of such assumption, and the well-being and perpetuity of this branch of the Order, led to the organization of bodies rightfully possessing, and properly constituted to exercise superintending authority, as well as that for giving existence. Our note on page 77 shows the prompt manner in which the Grand Lodges of Maryland and Pennsylvania relieved the Encampments in those states from all embarrassment incident to an undigested organization. The heretofore depressed condition of the Order in New York, had not made it necessary to place the Encampment in its proper position. The petitioners, however, perceiving the fallacy of obtaining a charter from a body of co-ordinate operation, were desirous of receiving one from an authority competent to guide as well as create. They were obliged, however, for sake of an existence, to resort to the course suggested by the committee. It is but justice to all parties to note in addition, that the Journal of the Grand Lodge of New York furnishes no evidence of an Encampment charter of any kind having been granted by that body. But the following minute stands recorded among the proceedings of a session held April 23d, 1829: "The formation of an Encampment of Odd Fellows in this city was discussed, and decided in the negative."

the Encampment at present established in the city of Albany. Your committee therefore offer the following resolutions.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. HOPKINS,
H. S. SANDERSON,
JOHN PEARCE.

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted. And also
Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to inform the brethren, that the power to grant a charter for the Encampment prayed for, is vested in the Encampment at Albany.

On motion, the report was accepted, and the resolutions adopted.

On motion, the following was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented to the brethren of New York for the use of their hall, and for their polite attention to this Grand Lodge.

On motion, the Grand Lodge was then closed.

SAMUEL PRYOR, *Grand Secretary*.

Grand and Subordinate Lodges in account with the Grand Lodge of the United States, remaining unsettled Sept. 1833.

Dr.		Cr.
Grand Lodge of Maryland, balance due 1832, -	\$00 25	
Quota of expenses for session of 1833, -	28 00	
	\$28 25	
Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, balance due 1832, -	249 77	
Grand Lodge of New York, balance due 1832, -	\$40 06	
Quota of expenses for session of 1833, -	18 00	
	58 06	
Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, for quota of expenses for session of 1833, -	30 00	
Grand Lodge of District of Columbia, balance due 1832, -	\$34 56	
Quota of expenses for session of 1833, -	17 00	
	51 56	
Grand Lodge of Ohio, quota of expenses for session of 1833, -	17 00	
Grand Lodge of Louisiana, quota of expenses for session of 1833, -	17 00	
Lodges Nos. 1 and 2, Delaware, balance due 1832, -	72 00	
Friendly Union Lodge, No. 1, R. I., balance due 1832, -	45 00	
Lodges Nos. 1 and 2, New Jersey, balance due 1832, -	60 00	
	\$623 64	
		\$623 64

Report of the acting Grand Treasurer.

DR. GRAND LODGE of U. S., in account with T. WILDEY, G. Sire. CR.

Sept. 2, 1833.		Sept. 1832.	
To cash for stationary, &c. -	\$ 6 00	By balance on hand, -	\$ 97 10
" " writing charters and books, -	49 00	Sept. 2, 1833.	
" " G. Sire's travelling expenses, -	98 00	By cash, Lodge, No. 1, Va., charter fee and per centage, -	50 00
" " G. Secretary's salary, -	30 00	" Lodges Nos. 1 and 2, N. Jersey, per centage, -	30 00
" " T. Wilkey for advances, -	284 58	" Grand Lodge of New Jersey, charter fee, -	30 00
" balance on hand, -	8 52	" Lodge No. 1, Delaware, per centage, -	34 00
		" Grand Lodge of Delaware, charter fee, -	30 00
		" Lodge No. 1, R. Island, charter fee and per centage, -	45 00
		" Lodges Nos. 1 and 2, Kentucky, charter fee and per centage, -	130 00
		" Lodge No. 2, Virginia, charter fee, -	30 00
	<u>\$476 10</u>		<u>\$476 10</u>

BALTIMORE, September 9th, 1833.

The committee to whom was referred the above account, have examined the same, and find it correct.

GEORGE KEYSER,
JAMES L. RIDGELY,
SAMUEL LUCAS.

List of Grand and Subordinate Encampments under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

The Grand Encampment of Maryland, Baltimore, having under its jurisdiction,

Jerusalem Encampment, No. 1, Baltimore.

Salem Encampment, No. 2, Baltimore.

The Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, having under its jurisdiction.

Philadelphia Encampment, No. 1, Philadelphia.

Pittsburg Encampment, No. 2, Pittsburg.

Subordinate Encampments.

New York Encampment, No. 1, Albany, New York.

Industry Encampment, No. 1, Paterson, New Jersey.

Delaware Encampment No. 1, Wilmington, Delaware.

W. B. y Encampment, No. 1, Cincinnati, Ohio.

W. B. y Encampment, No. 1, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Annual Report of the Grand and Subordinate Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., commencing September, 1832, and ending September, 1833.

LODGES.	Where held.	States.	No. of Lodges.	Initiations.	Suspensions.	Expulsions.	Revenue.	Contributing Members.	Remarks.
G. L. of Maryland,	Baltimore,	Md.	21	234	..	..	\$ 3,968 03	1781	
" New York,	Albany,	N. Y.	6	...	...	...	...	...	No report.
" Pennsylvania,	Philadelphia,	Penn.	52	937	..	14	16,258 51	3872	
" Dis. of Columbia,	Georgetown,	D. C.	3	...	...	...	...	...	" "
" Delaware,	Wilmington,	Del.	4	...	..	1	...	125	
" Ohio,	Cincinnati,	Ohio.	5	163	..	..	1,533 00	391	
" Louisiana,	New Orleans,	La.	1	...	...	...	...	...	" "
" New Jersey,	Trenton,	N. J.	3	9	5	..	205 63	51	
Adam, No. 3,	Boston,	Mass.	2	...	...	...	...	...	" "
Merrimack, " 7,	Lowell,	R. L.	1	...	3	..	50 75	23	" "
Friendly Union, " 1,	Providence,	R. L.	1	...	...	...	...	...
Boon, " 1,	Louisville,	Ky.	1	25	..	..	508 00	82	
Virginia, " 1,	Harper's Ferry	Va.	1	19	..	..	195 00	24	
			100	1390	5	15	\$22,718 92	6349	

Expulsions.

In Pennsylvania—No. 2, Henry Wilner. No. 7, Jacob Smith. No. 11, James Bird. No. 14, Nicholas Butler, Henry O'Neal, sen., C. B. F. O'Neal. No. 20, James Kershew, William Graves, John L. Kelsey. No. 26, William Booth. No. 27, Nicholas Philipson. No. 34, Wm. S. Eastwick. No. 38, David Buckley. No. 42, Morgan J. Thomas. Improper conduct.

In Delaware. No. 1, James McAnnal. Improper conduct.

The Printing Committee have thought it would be gratifying to the members of the Order in this country, to insert here the following extracts from a letter received by P. G. Sire Wildey, from brother Thomas Armitt; written at the request of the Grand Annual Moveable Committee of the Order in England.

"Resolved, That the officers of the Order, and Board of Directors, write to the presiding officers of America, requesting information on the subject of the method of governing the Order in that country."

"It is my pleasing task to inform you, Sir, that the 'finger of Providence' is most miraculously pointing us 'onward' here. We do indeed increase with more than railroad velocity. This little 'nook of earth,' as Shakspeare calls it, is studded o'er with lodges. When I look back at what we were, and now at what we are; when I look on *this* picture and on *THIS*, the contemplation almost turns me giddy; I seem as a dreamer of dreams, and feel as if afraid to believe the pleasing reality!"

"This sketch, Sir, is not overstrained. We have upwards of seven hundred lodges, working together as unanimously as could be expected, or wished, for the general good. We have, Sir, no more discord to annoy us than is necessary, in my opinion, to uphold and preserve the harmony of the whole! In this world, at least, we know that one cannot exist without the other."

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION
OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES,

Held at the City of Baltimore, October, 1834.

MONDAY, October 6th, 9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge convened this day at Odd Fellows Hall, city of Baltimore, being the regular Annual Communication, when the following were present.

JAMES GETTYS,	M. W. G. Sire.
ROBERT NEILSON,	R. W. D. G. Sire,
SAMUEL PRYOR,	R. W. G. Secretary.
AUGUSTUS MATHIOT,	R. W. G. Treasurer.
THOMAS MORSE,	W. G. Guardian.
P. G. M. GEORGE KEYSER,	} Reps. of Maryland.
D. G. M. H. S. SANDERSON,	
G. M. HOWELL HOPKINS,	Rep. of Pennsylvania.
G. M. JAMES L. RIDGELY,	Proxy Rep. of Ohio.
P. G. M. SAMUEL LUCAS,	Rep. of Louisiana, and
P. G. Sire, THOMAS WILDEY.	

The following credentials were presented, viz : by

P. G. CHARLES MOWATT,	Rep. of New York.
P. G. THOMAS STELLE,	Rep. of District of Columbia.
P. G. Sire, THOMAS WILDEY,	Proxy Rep. of Delaware.
P. G. M. JOHN PEARCE,	Proxy Rep. of New Jersey.

On motion, the credentials were referred to a special committee of two. The Grand Sire announced as the committee, Rep's Ridgely, of Ohio, and Lucas, of Louisiana.

Rep. Ridgely, of Ohio from the committee on credentials, presented the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The undersigned committee, to whom was referred the credentials of the Representatives of New York, District of Columbia, Delaware and New Jersey, have examined the same and beg leave to report, that they are entitled to their seats in this Grand Lodge, as Representatives of their respective states.

JAMES L. RIDGELY,
SAMUEL LUCAS.

On motion, the report was accepted, and the Representatives acknowledged.

Rep's Mowatt, of New York ; Stelle, of District of Columbia ; Wildey, of Delaware ; and Pearce, of New Jersey ; appeared and took their seats.

Rep. Keyser, of Maryland, Grand Chaplain, *pro tem.*, addressed the Supreme Ruler of the Universe with prayer.

The Grand Lodge was then declared duly opened for the transaction of business.

The proceedings of the last Annual Communication were read and found correct.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned to three o'clock this afternoon.

MONDAY, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge convened pursuant to adjournment, and proceeded to business.

Rep. Sanderson, of Maryland, from the special committee to whom was referred the petition of P. G. James Clark and others, presented the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The undersigned to whom was referred the petition of P. G. James Clark and others, praying for a charter for a Grand Lodge for the state of Virginia, and to be located at Harper's Ferry in said state, respectfully report : That the petition is informal, and beg to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

HENRY S. SANDERSON,
JAMES L. RIDGELY,
SAMUEL LUCAS.

On motion, the report was accepted.

On motion of Rep. Pearce, of New Jersey, it was,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to draft a Form for petitions for Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments.

The Grand Sire appointed Rep's Pearce of New Jersey : Mowatt, of New York , and Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, the committee.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet at three o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

TUESDAY, October 7th, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment : Present, the same Officers and Representatives as yesterday.

A petition was presented from brothers. J. J. Young, H. Upperman, W. Cunningham, L. Howard, A. K. Arnold, R. Boyd, Wm. Carter, John Borland, T. W. Beall, and Thomas Holtzman, of Jonathan Lodge, No.

4, Georgetown, D. C., praying for a charter to open an Encampment of Patriarchs in said place, to be hailed by the title of "Adrianus Encampment, No. 2."

On motion, of Rep. Pearce, of New Jersey, the petition was laid on the table.

Rep. Pearce, of New Jersey, from the special committee to whom was referred the subject of drafting a Form of petitions for Grand Lodges, and Grand Encampments, presented the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The committee to whom was referred the consideration of the 4th Article of the By-Laws, and report a form for the application for the charter for a Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment, respectfully report: That all applications for charters for a Grand Lodge, or Grand Encampment, must be by the vote of the several subordinate lodges, or Encampments, in the state, district, or territory.

[They recommend the following as the form of proceeding: each subordinate lodge, or Encampment, in a state, &c., shall appoint one or more of its Past Grands, or Patriarchs, as a representative of his lodge, or Encampment, to meet with similar representatives from the other subordinate lodges or Encampments, of the state, &c., to consider the propriety of an application for a charter for a Grand Lodge, or Grand Encampment. Each subordinate lodge, or Encampment, shall furnish to their representative a statement under the seal of the lodge, or Encampment, of the number of Past Grands, or P. C. Patriarchs, in good standing belonging to them. At the meeting of the representatives of lodges, or Encampments, the vote shall be by lodges, or Encampments.]

The form of application for Grand Charters shall be as follows :

*To the Grand Sire, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F.*

The petition of — Lodge, (Encampment) No. 1, — No. 2, and — No. 3, of —, respectfully represent: that at present they work under warrants granted by your honorable body—that the Order has increased in the state, and at present they have — Past Grands, (P. C. Patriarchs) in good standing. They are of opinion it would be of advantage to the Order, if a Grand Lodge (Grand Encampment) was established in the state. They therefore pray your honorable body to grant a charter for a Grand Lodge. (Grand Encampment,) in the state of —, to be located at —.

Witness our hands and seals, this — day of —, A. D. 18—.

A B, Representative of No. 1.	[L. S.]
C D, Representative of No. 2.	[L. S.]
E F, Representative of No. 3.	[L. S.]

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN PEARCE,
CHARLES MOWATT,
HOWELL HOPKINS.

On motion, the report was accepted.

On motion, of Rep. Ridgely, of Ohio, it was,

Resolved, That the reports of the Grand Lodges and Encampments, be referred to a special committee.

The Grand Sire announced as the committee, Rep's Ridgely, of Ohio ; Mowatt, of New York ; and Wilkey, of Delaware.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, from the committee to whom was referred the subject of the communications of brother Paul, of Massachusetts, relative to non-judicial oaths, presented the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The committee to whom was referred the communications from Massachusetts, make the following report.

That they have taken the subject into their serious consideration. In the investigation of the matters referred to them, it appears that the Legislature of Massachusetts, on the 13th March last, passed a law making it highly penal in any person to "administer or take an oath, affirmation or obligation in the nature of an oath." A copy of this law is annexed. This law has direct reference to the obligations administered at initiation, and on conferring degrees, &c. ; it became, therefore, to the members of the Order in Massachusetts, a matter of great importance, and of serious consideration, how they were to act in the business of the Order. If they proceeded as heretofore, they subjected themselves to indictment for a violation of the law ; if they yielded implicit obedience to the law as passed, they destroyed the Order in that state. They therefore ask advice of the Grand Lodge of the United States, as to what course they are to pursue.

Your committee consider the matter under consideration, as of great and vital importance to the Order, and as calling for the united wisdom of the members of this Grand Lodge. So far as your committee are able to form an opinion, they would pronounce the law of Massachusetts referred to, as unconstitutional. It takes from the citizen the undoubted right of peaceably meeting together for mutual support and assistance ; and at such meeting binding themselves to do, or not to do, acts which may be of benefit to them, without injury to any one. It makes illegal that which passes in secret ; not because of evil arising from the act done, but because of its being done in secrecy—and it offers a reward for the violation of obligations. It is a tyrannical act, which none but those who consider that the enjoyment of liberty by others is an invasion of their individual rights, can advocate. Believing, as your committee do, that the time will arrive when the state of Massachusetts will be compelled by the voice of her people, or by the controlling power of the judiciary, to repeal this obnoxious law ; and deeming it would be unadvisable for this Grand Lodge to incur the expense of obtaining a decision of the legitimate tribunal, as to the question of constitutionality of this law ; and being anxious that the members of the Order in Massachusetts should be placed in a situation which would protect them from the danger of prosecution for a violation of law, your committee carefully examined the ancient work of the Order ; they ascertained that the administering of oaths is of recent origin ; that formerly, the candidate pledged his honor to perform what was enjoined on him—this, to most men, was as binding as the most solemn form of oath. Your committee, therefore, recommend the following :

HOWELL HOPKINS,
JAMES L. RIDGELY.

Resolved, That so long as the law of Massachusetts, relating to illegal oaths, remains in force, the lodges in Massachusetts be authorized to admit members, confer degrees, and install officers, &c., on the pledge of honor—and that the oath be dispensed with.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary transmit to the several lodges in Massachusetts a copy of this report and resolution.

On motion, the report was accepted, and the resolutions adopted.

Rep. Ridgely, of Ohio, from the special committee to whom was referred the reports of the several Grand Lodges, &c., presented the following report, which was accepted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The committee to whom was referred the annual reports of the state and district Grand and subordinate Lodges and Encampments, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, beg leave respectfully to report :

That they have carefully examined the several reports submitted to them, and whilst they find no matter therein requiring the particular attention of this Grand Lodge, they cannot avoid congratulating the Grand Lodge upon the continued and increasing prosperity of our Order, wherever it is located in our happy country. They regret, however, that no official report has been received from the states of Louisiana, Ohio, or Delaware ; and beg leave to urge upon the states in general, the great importance of punctuality in their annual reports to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

JAMES L. RIDGELY,
CHARLES MOWATT,
THOMAS WILDEY.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge proceed to the election of Grand Officers on Thursday evening next, at eight o'clock.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned to seven o'clock, this evening.

TUESDAY, 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment : Present, the same Officers and Representatives as in the afternoon.

A petition was presented from brothers Benjamin Moses, George W. Monell, Alfred Riley, John Maxwell, John Calland, Horizon J. Poor, Peleg Kidd, Willis Payne, B. B. Evans, Caleb M. Kude, Charles Huntman, Edward A. Henry, and J. J. Roach, praying for a charter to open a lodge at the town of Covington, state of Kentucky, to be hailed and entitled " Washington Lodge, No. 3."

On motion, the petition was referred to a special committee of three.

The Grand Sire appointed as the committee, Rep's Hopkins, of Pennsylvania ; Wildey, of Delaware ; and Mowatt, of New York.

On motion, the petition of brothers J. J. Young and others, praying for a charter to open an Encampment of Patriarchs, was taken up for consideration.

On motion, the petition was referred to the special committee to whom was referred the petition of brothers Benjamin Moses and others.

A petition was presented from Boon Lodge, No. 1, Kentucky, praying the Grand Lodge to remit the per centage due them, amounting to \$124 24.

On motion, the petition was referred to Rep. Keyser, of Maryland; Pearce, of New Jersey; and Hopkins, of Pennsylvania.

On motion of Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, it was

Resolved, That the vote of this Grand Lodge, on the report of the committee in relation to the petition of C. B. F. Oneal, be re-considered.

Whereupon, Rep. Keyser, of Maryland, presented the following preamble and resolution, which was adopted.

Whereas, The first Article of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge declares, that with the consent of the Grand Lodge of a state, this Grand Lodge may entertain an appeal from a subordinate lodge, from the decision of its state Grand Lodge. *And*,

Whereas, This appeal of C. B. F. Oneal was made without the consent of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:—Therefore,

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge has no authority to act in the case of C. B. F. Oneal's appeal. But as by the report of the committee, it appears that there may be some foundation for the complaint made by the petitioner, it be earnestly requested of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania that they grant the petitioner a re-hearing; and as this Grand Lodge has full confidence that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is equally desirous with themselves to do justice to all men, they entertain no doubt, but on such re-hearing, every object will be obtained which the committee desire by their report.

On motion, the Grand Secretary was directed to notify the Representative of Louisiana of this session, and request him to attend the meetings.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That brother Albert Guild, of Boston, be requested to have the books and documents belonging to the Order in his possession, packed in a box and forwarded to P. G. Sire Wildey.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet at three o'clock, to-morrow afternoon.

WEDNESDAY, October 8th, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, the same Officers and Representatives as yesterday.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, from the special committee to whom was referred the petition of brothers Benjamin Moses and others, presented the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of brother Benjamin Moses and others, praying for a charter to open a lodge at Covington, Campbell county, Kentucky, respectfully report:

That the petition asks for a warrant to establish a lodge of Independent Odd Fellows. Your committee are induced to believe this is an error, and that the petitioners intend to apply for a lodge in the legal name, style and title, viz: The Independent Order of Odd Fellows. They therefore recommend that a warrant issue to the petitioners, authorizing a subordinate lodge to be opened at Covington, Campbell county, Kentucky, to be

styled "Washington Lodge, No. 3, of Kentucky, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows." And that the Grand Secretary be requested, on transmitting the warrant, to inform them that the regular title is, and all communications must be in the name, style, and title of "I. O. of O. F."

HOWELL HOPKINS,
THOMAS WILDEY,
CHARLES MOWATT.

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution adopted.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, from the special committee to whom was referred the petition of brothers J. J. Young and others, presented the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The committee to whom was referred the petition of brothers J. J. Young and others, praying for a charter for an Encampment of Patriarchs, to be located at Georgetown, D. C., respectfully report :

That they have considered the subject, and recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that a charter be issued, to be called "Adrianus Encampment, No. 2."*

HOWELL HOPKINS,
THOMAS WILDEY,
CHARLES MOWATT.

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution adopted.

Rep. Keyser, of Maryland, from the special committee to whom was referred the petition of Boon Lodge, No. 1, Kentucky, presented the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Boon Lodge, No. 1, of Kentucky, praying for a remission of dues owing to the Grand Lodge of the United States, respectfully report :

That they deeply regret the cause for the application, and with every disposition to grant assistance to the petitioners, they are yet of opinion, that justice to the other lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, will forbid the granting the prayer of the petitioners.

The Grand Lodge of the United States derives its support from the dues of subordinate lodges ; and each lodge should bear its due proportion. Should they relinquish the dues of Boon Lodge, it will throw the burthen more heavily on other lodges, and may give just cause of complaint. Your committee being, however, desirous to assist Boon Lodge, so far as practicable ; and believing that a delay in the payment of the dues now owing to the Grand Lodge, would relieve Boon Lodge from its present em-

* *Adrianus Encampment, No. 2*.—This Encampment was never instituted ; and on the application of the petitioners the charter fee was refunded by a vote of the Grand Lodge at the October Session of 1834.

barrassments, and enable it to continue its charity to deserving members, and at a future day will be able, without injury to itself, to make payment of the present debt. They therefore recommend the following resolutions.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEORGE KEYSER,
JOHN PEARCE,
HOWELL HOPKINS.

Resolved, That time be granted to Boon Lodge, No. 1, of Kentucky, for the payment of the dues it at present owes to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge will expect punctual payment of the dues, hereafter to become due, from Boon Lodge, No. 1, to this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge will not demand payment of the present arrears, before the Annual Meeting, in 1836.

On motion, the report was accepted.

The question recurring on the resolutions as submitted, when the following was offered as a substitute :

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge will, and does hereby remit the per centage* due by Boon Lodge, No. 1, Kentucky, to the Grand Lodge of the United States, up to July, 1834.

The yeas and nays were called for and ordered, and were as follows :

YEAS—Rep's Keyser, 2 votes ; Mowatt, Stelle, Wildey, Ridgely, and P. G. Sire Wildey—7.

NAYS—Rep's Hopkins, 2 votes ; Lucas, and Pearce—4.

The substitute was therefore adopted.

Rep. Pearce, of New Jersey, from the special committee to whom was referred the subject of drafting a code of Rules of Order, presented the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The committee appointed to report a code of Rules of Order, for the transaction of the business of the Grand Lodge of the I. O. of O. F., of the United States, beg leave to submit for your consideration the accompanying code of Rules of Order.†

JOHN PEARCE,
CHARLES MOWATT,
SAMUEL LUCAS.

On motion, the report was accepted.

* *Do hereby remit the per centage.*—This was the commencement of a very impolitic, and, to the paying portions of the Order, a very unjust process of legislation. In its progress it produced, in various quarters, an indifference to contribute toward the necessary expenses of the Grand Lodge, thereby so essentially lessening her resources as to assist in the accumulation of a debt that will require time and prudence to extinguish. The Grand Lodge of 1843, had the firmness to check the course of this action, by declining to release finally any department of the Order from its just liabilities.

† *Rules of Order.*—The following code was submitted :

1. The presiding officer having taken the chair, the officers and members shall take their respective seats ; and at the sound of the gavel there shall be a general silence.

2. The business shall be taken up in the following order : The Grand Lodge shall be opened as directed by the Constitution and By-Laws.

3. The Secretary will report on certificates of Representatives ; which shall be referred to a committee.

4. The minutes of last annual, and intervening meetings, read and passed upon.

5. The G. Sire will then appoint the following standing committees, each to consist of three members, viz : Committee on Petitions—Committee of Finance—Committee on Returns and Reports from Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments—Committee of Correspondence.

6. Reports of Committees on deferred business will then be read.

Ridgely of Ohio, presented a printed communication from the Lodge of Ohio, containing the Constitution and By-Laws of said Lodge, and the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of said States.

motion, the communication and accompanying documents were referred to a special committee.

Grand Sire appointed as the committee, Rep's Hopkins, of Pennsylvania; Keyser, of Maryland; and Mowatt, of New York.

motion, it was

resolved, That a committee be appointed to examine the Grand Treasurer and secretary's accounts, and report at the present session.

Grand Sire announced Rep's Wildey, of Delaware; Mowatt, of New York; and Stelle, of District of Columbia, as the committee.

motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet at three o'clock, to-morrow afternoon.

THURSDAY, October 9th, 3 o'clock, P. M.

Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, the same Grand Masters and Representatives as yesterday.

Ridgely, of Ohio, from the committee appointed to procure a seal for P. G. Sire Wildey, stated that they had not received the funds to carry the object of their appointment into effect.

Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, from the committee on the Work of the Order, presented the following report.

R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

committee to whom was referred the Work of the Order, respectfully.

Report of Grand Sire, as to his actions and doings during the recess of this Grand Lodge.

Report of Grand Treasurer

and presented, read and referred

to the committee on the Work of the Order

above order of business may be dispensed with, at the discretion of the Lodge

election of officers for the ensuing term shall take place on the second day of the session.

regarding the visiting of the Grand Lodge, each Representative or visitor, on entering or leaving

shall address the presiding officer by the sign of the R. P. degree.

debates shall be subject to debate until it shall have been seconded, and stated by the chair;

to be reduced to writing, if denied by any member.

in a question is before the Lodge, no motion shall be in order, except to adjourn, for the present, or on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone to a certain time, to divide, to

amend, which motions shall severally have preference in the order herein arranged.

in the case of the Representatives of three states, districts or territories, a majority of the Lodge

shall that the previous question shall be put: which shall always be in this form—"Shall the

motion be now put?" and until it is decided, shall preclude all amendments to the main ques-

tion and further debate.

in the reading of any paper, or other matter, is called for and the same is objected to by

any member, it shall be determined by a vote of the Lodge, without debate.

in putting a question, the presiding officer shall ask, "Is the Lodge ready for the question?"

or rise to speak, and a majority of the Lodge are ready for the question, he shall rise and

after he shall have risen to put it, no member shall speak upon it. While the presiding

officer is asking a question, or addressing the Lodge, no member shall walk out of, or across the room, nor

shall he converse

no member, doubting the decision of the question, may call for a

division of the Lodge, or a count of the affirmative and negative votes

no member shall be permitted to speak or vote, unless clothed in suitable regalia, according to

the custom

That they have given the subject all the attention its importance required. That, with the desire to render the Work of the Order as perfect as possible, they have sought for knowledge into the records of the Order, so far as they have been able to procure them—they have found much to amend—and though they may not have been able to make the work they now present to you as perfect as is desirable, they have the satisfaction to believe, that they have made it as perfect as the information they have been able to obtain would enable them to do. They submit the result of their labors, and pray to be discharged.

All which is respectfully submitted.

HOWELL HOPKINS,
JOHN PEARCE.

On motion of Rep. Ridgely, of Ohio, it was

Ordered, That fifty copies of the Work of the Order, as reported by the committee, be printed; that each Representative be furnished with two copies, and the further consideration thereof be postponed until the next Annual Session.

On motion of Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, it was

Resolved, That the committee be continued on the remainder of the Work of the Order to the next Session.

Rep. Ridgely, of Ohio, submitted the following, which was adopted.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into, and report to this Grand Lodge, at its next session, whether, consistently with the spirit of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States, or consistently with the order and government of this Order, any Past Grand can be the resident of one state, a contributing member of a subordinate lodge in said state, and a member of the Grand Lodge of said state, and at the same time the principal Representative of another state in the Grand Lodge of the United States. And whether a report, purporting to be the report from a state Grand Lodge, authenticated by a Past Grand, purporting to be the Grand Master of said state, who is at the same time a Past Grand and member of the Grand Lodge of another state, and which report is not attested by any Seal, or by the signature of any Grand Secretary, is a sufficient report. And whether a paper, purporting to be signed by a Past Grand, as Grand Master of a given state, as a certificate of the appointment of a brother as a Representative in the Grand Lodge of the United States, bearing date on the same day and at the same time, when there is evidence of there having been another individual acting officially as the Grand Master of said state. And whether a certificate of appointment of Representative not constitutionally attested, qualifies a Representative to his seat in this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Sire announced as the committee, Rep's Keyser, of Maryland; and Wildey, of Delaware.

The following bills were presented:

Samuel Pryor, salary as Grand Secretary, and travelling expenses to New York, August, 1834, and Baltimore, October, 1834,	\$82 00
Thomas Wildey, travelling expenses to Washington, Philadelphia, New York, Delaware and Albany,	62 00
G. Sire Gettys, travelling expenses in 1833 and 1834,	74 00
D. G. Sire, Robert Neilson, travelling expenses to New York,	30 00
G. Guardian Morse, travelling expenses of 1833 and 1834,	42 00
Thomas Wildey, postage, stationary and books,	11 15

On motion, the bills were referred to the Committee of Finance.

On motion of Rep. Ridgely, of Ohio, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge do now proceed to nominate Grand Officers for the succeeding term.

Whereupon, the following nominations were made for Grand Sire:

By Rep. Sanderson, of Maryland, P. G. M. George Keyser, of Maryland.

By Rep. Mowatt, of New York, P. G. M. Daniel P. Marshall, of New York.

By Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, P. G. M. John Pearce, of New Jersey.

By Rep. Stelle, of District of Columbia, P. G. M. William Skinner, of Pennsylvania.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned to eight o'clock this evening.

THURSDAY, 8 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, the same Officers and Representatives as in the afternoon.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge do now proceed to the election of Grand Officers.

The Grand Sire declared the poll open, and appointed as tellers, Rep's Ridgely, of Ohio, and Wildey, of Delaware.

The tellers reported that P. G. M. George Keyser, had received a majority of all the votes cast.

Whereupon, the Grand Sire declared P. G. M. GEORGE KEYSER, of Maryland, duly elected Grand Sire for the next term.

Rep. Sanderson, of Maryland, nominated P. G. M. Daniel P. Marshall, of New York, for Deputy Grand Sire.

The poll was then opened, and the tellers reported that all the votes were cast for P. G. M. Marshall.

Whereupon, the Grand Sire declared P. G. M. DANIEL P. MARSHALL, of New York, duly elected Deputy Grand Sire for the next term.

Rep. Mowatt, of New York, presented a statement of the account now due this Grand Lodge, by the Grand Lodge of New York, and asked a remission of the same to 1833.

On motion, the subject was referred to a special committee.

The Grand Sire appointed as the committee, Rep's Keyser, of Maryland; Ridgely, of Ohio; and Lucas, of Louisiana.

Rep. Keyser, of Maryland, from the special committee to whom was referred the subject of the remission of account due from the Grand Lodge of New York, presented the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee to whom was referred the application of the Representative of New York, for the remission of amount due this body from the Grand Lodge of New York, report, that they have considered the subject referred, and recommend the adoption of the accompanying resolution.

GEORGE KEYSER,
JAMES L. RIDGELY,
SAMUEL LUCAS.

Resolved, That the amount due the Grand Lodge of the United States, by the Grand Lodge of New York, up to September, 1833, be remitted.*

On motion, the report was accepted, and the resolution adopted.

In consequence of the Grand Lodge of New York being in arrears more than two years for dues, and not entitled to vote at the election of Grand Sire, the Grand Sire elect offered his resignation.

The question was taken on accepting the resignation, and decided in the negative, by the casting vote of the Grand Sire.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded in the election.

The following nominations were made:

For Grand Secretary, D. G. Sire Robert Neilson, of Maryland. For Grand Treasurer, P. G. Charles Mowatt, of New York.

The poll was then opened, and the tellers reported that D. G. Sire Neilson had received all the votes for Grand Secretary; and P. G. Charles Mowatt, all the votes for Grand Treasurer.

Whereupon, the Grand Sire declared D. G. Sire ROBERT NEILSON, of Maryland, duly elected Grand Secretary; and P. G. CHARLES MOWATT, of New York, duly elected Grand Treasurer, for the coming term.

P. G. M. George Keyser, of Maryland, Grand Sire elect, tendered his resignation, which was accepted.

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of Grand Sire.

P. G. M. George Keyser, of Maryland, was nominated.

The poll was opened, and the tellers reported that all the votes were cast for P. G. M. Keyser.

Whereupon, the Grand Sire declared P. G. M. GEORGE KEYSER, of Maryland, unanimously elected Grand Sire for the coming term.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet at three o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

FRIDAY, October 10th, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, the same Officers and Representatives as yesterday.

Rep. Wildey, of Delaware, from the Committee of Finance, presented the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee of Finance, to whom was referred sundry bills for travelling expenses, report that a less amount should be charged, and cannot recommend their payment.

THOMAS WILDEY,
THOMAS STELLE,
CHARLES MOWATT.

Whereupon, on motion, the following was adopted :

* *Be remitted*.—This was the first case in which the dues of a Grand Lodge were absolutely remitted; although at the January session, 1834, a resolution was adopted of the nature of a remission, in granting to the Grand Lodge of New Jersey the arrearages of the subordinate lodges in that state, due to the Grand Lodge of the United States. We are much gratified in being enabled to announce, in connection with this precedent, that at a recent session of the Grand Lodge of New York, an order was made to pay into the treasury of the Grand Lodge of the United States, immediately, the amount so remitted, with legal interest.

, That the report be re-committed, with instructions to report the whole such bills as ought to be paid by the Grand Lodge.

tion, it was

, That P. G. M. Pearce, formerly Representative of New York, and G. y, Representative of Ohio, be discharged from the committee on funeral

sand Sire then appointed Rep. Keyser, of Maryland; Ridgely, and Lucas, of Louisiana, the committee on funeral obsequies. Wildey, of Delaware, from the Committee on Finance, presented ring report.

W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Grand Treasurer, report:

Grand Secretary has received,	-	-	-	-	\$204 56
paid to the Grand Treasurer,	-	-	-	-	\$149 00
ry small expenses,	-	-	-	-	7 98
					<hr/> 156 93

Leaving a balance in his hands of	-	-	-	-	<hr/> \$47 63
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the Grand Treasurer has received,	-	-	-	-	\$308 40
paid out,	-	-	-	-	127 00

Leaving a balance in his hands of	-	-	-	-	<hr/> \$181 40
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move accounts being for the past year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS WILDEY,
THOMAS STELLE,
CHARLES MOWATT.

tion, the report was accepted.

Wildey, of Delaware, from the Committee of Finance, presented ring report.

W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

committee of Finance report, that they have examined the bills re- them, and find them correct, according to their judgment.

THOMAS WILDEY,
CHARLES MOWATT,
THOMAS STELLE.

Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, offered the following:

, That that part of the report, requiring the bill of P. G. Sire Wildey to travelling expenses, be rejected.

session was taken by yeas and nays, as follows:

-Rep's Keyser, Hopkins, 2 votes, and Pearce—4.
-Rep's Mowatt, Stelle, Wildey and Ridgely—4.

There being an equality of votes, the Grand Sire gave the casting vote in the negative.

The report of the committee was then adopted, and orders drawn on the Grand Treasurer for the several amounts.

The Representative of Pennsylvania made the following protest.

The Representative of Pennsylvania doth hereby solemnly protest against the vote of this Grand Lodge, directing payment of the expenses of P. G. Sire Wilkey, amounting to sixty-two dollars, on his tour to Washington and New York, during the sittings of this Grand Lodge in said cities; the Representative being firmly convinced, that such an appropriation of the funds of this Grand Lodge is not warranted by the Constitution, By-Laws or rules of this Grand Lodge.

HOWELL HOPKINS.

The following resolution was presented:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of the state of New York be, and they are hereby authorized to open the said Grand Lodge in the city of New York, for the purpose of admitting as members of the Grand Lodge, such Past Grands as are members of the lodges in the city of New York, and are regularly qualified to become such members.

The question was taken by yeas and nays, and decided in the affirmative. Yeas 5—Nays 2.

Rep. Keyser, of Maryland, from a majority of the special committee to whom was referred the printed communication and accompanying documents, from the Grand Lodge of Ohio, presented the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The majority of the committee to whom was referred the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, annexed to which is accompanied a printed Constitution, purporting to be the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States, ask leave to report:

That they have carefully examined the documents, and find nothing contained in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, requiring the attention of this Grand Lodge. They beg leave, however, to call the attention of the Grand Lodge of Ohio to an error which they have fallen into, in printing the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States, to wit: in transposing the name, style and title of this Grand Lodge, by substituting the title, *Order of Independent Odd Fellows*, instead of *Independent Order of Odd Fellows*, as it is styled and known by the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States. Your committee believe it to have been an error, and as such ask leave to present the following order.

Ordered, by the Grand Lodge of the United States, That the Grand Secretary notify the Grand Lodge of Ohio, that they have erroneously printed the name, style and title of this Grand Lodge, in the pamphlet containing their own Constitution and By-Laws; and that they are hereby directed to rectify the same.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEORGE KEYSER,
CHARLES MOWATT.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, from the minority of the special committee to whom was referred the printed communication and accompanying documents, from the Grand Lodge of Ohio, presented the following report.

V. Grand Lodge of the United States :

rity of the committee to whom was referred a pamphlet, pur-
the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of Ohio;
stitution of this Grand Lodge, printed by order of the Grand
io, report :

have carefully examined the same, and find the title page in-
words "Order of Independent Odd Fellows," are used in place
lopted in the Constitution of this Grand Lodge.

1st, sections 1 and 2, the same title is inserted.

mitter also find that the same title is printed in the preamble
le of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge ; which appear to
tee to be a perversion of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge
f States.

d Lodge of Ohio having undertaken to print, for the use of
n, the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States,
have made the slightest alteration therein ; they have, how-
ken to change the style and title of this Grand Lodge, which
ee think highly censurable.

mittee are inclined to believe, that the alteration of the title, as
ered, did not arise from any design to interfere with the acts
of this Grand Lodge, but from an error which they may have
by the title page of the charge books delivered to them.

hat the Grand Lodge of Ohio be directed to change the style and title,
n to the style and title of the Grand Lodge of the United States, to whom
liate ; so that it appear in all their proceedings that the style and title
odge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. And that they be
whenever they find it expedient to print any paper or document, pur-
s from the Grand Lodge of the United States, it must be printed with-

HOWELL HOPKINS.

, the following was adopted.

ut the reports of the majority and minority of the committee be debated
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on was taken on adopting the report of the majority, and de-
negative.

on was then taken on adopting the report of the minority, and
as and nays in the affirmative.

p's Hopkins, 2 votes, Stelle, Wildey, Pearce and P. G. Sire

p's Keyser, Mowatt and Ridgely—3.

representative of Ohio then offered the following protest :

Ridgely, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, to the Grand
nited States, do solemnly protest against the right of the Grand Lodge
ates to interfere with the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the state
Order of Independent Odd Fellows—because, there is nothing therein
position to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States,
of the ancient usages or landmarks of the Order.

JAMES L. RIDGELY.

the Grand Lodge closed the Annual Session

SAMUEL PRYOR, Grand Secretary.

Grand and Subordinate Lodges, in account with the Grand Lodge of the United States, remaining unsettled October, 1834.

Dr.		Ca.	
Grand Lodge of Maryland, balance due 1833,	\$28 25	By cash, Grand Lodge of Maryland,	\$48 25
Per centage for 1834,	40 00	" " New York,	\$20 00
	\$68 25	By this amount remitted by resolution,	58 06
Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, balance due 1833,	249 77		78 06
Grand Lodge of New York, balance due 1833,	\$58 06	By cash, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania,	56 00
Per centage for 1834,	20 00	" Grand Lodge of District of Columbia,	51 56
	78 06	" Grand Lodge of Ohio,	40 00
Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, balance due 1832,	\$26 00	" " Louisiana,	37 00
" 1833,	30 00	By this amount remitted by resolution to Boon Lodge, No. 1, Ky.,	124 24
Per centage for 1834,	40 00	By amount due the Grand Lodge of the United States by the several Grand and subordinate lodges,	346 77
	96 00		
Grand Lodge of District of Columbia, balance due 1833,	\$51 56		
Per centage for 1834,	20 00		
	71 56		
Grand Lodge of Delaware, per centage for 1834,	20 00		
Grand Lodge of Ohio, balance due 1833,	\$17 00		
Per centage for 1834,	20 00		
	37 00		
Grand Lodge of Louisiana, balance due 1833,	\$17 00		
Per centage for 1834,	20 00		
	37 00		
Boon Lodge, No. 1, Ky., per centage from Oct. 28th, 1833, to July 28th, 1834,	124 24		
	\$781 88		\$781 88

Dr. GRAND LODGE of U. S., in account with A. MATHIOT, G. Treas. Cr.

1834.		1833.	
May 3, To cash, Sands & Neilson, \$35 00		Sept. 2, By balance on hand, -	\$ 8 58
Aug. 5, " J. Horton, for seal, 7 00		" By cash, Grand Lodge of Maryland, -	48 25
July 5, " Sands & Neilson, 85 00		" " Grand Lodge of Ohio, -	40 00
Oct. 9, balance on hand, -	181 49	" " Lodge No. 7, Mass., -	20 00
		1834.	
		Sept. 2, " Lodge No. 1, Va. -	12 75
		" " Encampment No. 1, D. C., charter fee, -	30 00
		Oct. 9, " Grand Secretary, -	149 00
	\$308 49		\$308 49

We, the committee appointed to examine the above account, find it correct.

THOMAS WILDEY,
CHARLES MOWATT,
THOMAS STELLE.

BALTIMORE, October 9th, 1834.

List of Grand and Subordinate Encampments under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

The Grand Encampment of Maryland, Baltimore, having under its jurisdiction,

Jerusalem Encampment, No. 1, Baltimore.

Salem Encampment, No. 2, Baltimore.

The Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, having under its jurisdiction.

Philadelphia Encampment, No. 1, Philadelphia.

Pittsburg Encampment, No. 2, Pittsburg.

Subordinate Encampments.

New York Encampment, No. 1, Albany, New York.

Industry Encampment, No. 1, Paterson, New Jersey.

Delaware Encampment No. 1, Wilmington, Delaware.

Wilkey Encampment, No. 1, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Wilkey Encampment, No. 1, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Annual Report of the Grand and Subordinate Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., commencing September, 1833, and ending October, 1834.

LODGES.	Where held.	States.	No. of Lodges.	Initiations.	Suspensions.	Expulsions.	Revenue.	Contributing Members.	Remarks
G. L. of Maryland,	Baltimore,	Md.	17	299	314	10	\$ 7,975 78	1434	
" New York,	Albany,	N. Y.	9	136	25	4	1,622 78	348	
" Pennsylvania,	Philadelphia,	Penn.	48	630	...	13	13,922 13	3831	
" Dis. of Columbia,	Washington,	D. C.	3	81	10	3	1,403 60	138	
" Delaware,	Wilmington,	Del.	4	...	...	...	...	...	No Report.
" Ohio,	Cincinnati,	Ohio.	5	157	...	...	1,536 94	636	
" Louisiana,	New Orleans,	La.	2	...	...	...	...	...	" "
" New Jersey,	Trenton,	N. J.	5	152	...	2	1,143 77	309	
Boon,	No. 1,	Ky.	1	24	3	...	...	101	
Virginia,	" 1,	Harper's Ferry	1	17	...	...	246 95	50	
			95	1496	352	32	\$28,156 95	6647	

Expulsions.

In Maryland.—No. 6, Edward Spedden; No. 21, J. Sparr. Improper conduct. Two names not reported, and six for arrearages of dues of more than one year.

In New York.—No. 10, John Hanse; No. 12, William Shiels; No. 16, — Luden, and — Muher. Improper conduct.

In Pennsylvania.—No. 1, Samuel C. Neely; No. 4, John Sansom; No. 6, John Wilcox; No. 7, Jacob Eisely; No. 19, P. G. Wm. Parkhill; No. 20, Henry McIvor, Daniel Simon and Joseph Jagers; No. 26, George Farr; No. 37, T. Shallcross; No. 44, William Canly, Francis Kimyelbeck, and P. G. Michael Stein. Improper conduct.

In District of Columbia.—No. 1, James Williams, John Kartz and James Reves. Improper conduct.

In New Jersey.—No. 3, Edmund Bradley; No. 5, P. G. — Gendle. Improper conduct.

SPECIAL SESSION
OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES,
Held at the City of Baltimore, September, 1835.

BALTIMORE, September 1st, 1835.

The R. W. Grand Lodge convened this day, at Odd Fellows' Hall, city of Baltimore, pursuant to a call from the M. W. Grand Sire, when the following were present :

ROBERT NEILSON,	R. W. D. G. Sire, Presiding.
P. G. M. GEORGE KEYSER,	} Reps. of Maryland.
G. M. HENRY S. SANDERSON,	
P. G. Sire, THOMAS WILDEY,	Proxy Rep. of Delaware.
P. G. M. JAMES L. RIDGELY,	Proxy Rep. of Ohio.
P. G. M. SAMUEL LUCAS,	Proxy Rep. of Louisiana.

Rep. Sanderson, of Maryland, was appointed Grand Secretary, *pro tem*. The credentials of P. G. A. E. Warner, as Proxy Representative, for the Grand Lodge of District of Columbia, were presented, and on motion, referred to a special committee.

The Grand Sire appointed as the committee, Rep's Keyser, of Maryland ; Wildey, of Delaware ; and Lucas, of Louisiana.

Rep. Keyser, of Maryland, from the committee on credentials, presented the following report, which was accepted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The committee to whom was referred the credentials of P. G. A. E. Warner, as Proxy Representative of District of Columbia, report that they have examined the same and find them correct.

GEORGE KEYSER,
 THOMAS WILDEY,
 SAMUEL LUCAS.

Rep. Warner, then appeared and took his seat.

A petition was presented, signed by Joseph Metcalfe, Henry Guibert, Samuel H. Drake, John Joyes, P. H. Conant, J. Y. Dashiell and William Twyman, praying for a charter for a lodge, to be located at Louisville, Kentucky, and hailed as "——— Lodge, No. 4."

On motion, the petition was referred to a special committee.

Grand Sire appointed Rep's Lucas, of Louisiana ; Wildey, of Delaware and Warner, of District of Columbia, the committee.

Petition was presented from P. G's John J. Roach, John Hawkins, Barclay, Joseph Metcalfe, Joseph Barclay, Henry Wolford and Devan, of Boon Lodge, No. 1 ; S. S. Lyon, of Chosen Friends No. 2 ; and Benjamin Moses, of Washington Lodge, No. 3 ; praying a charter for a Grand Lodge for the state of Kentucky, to be located at Louisville.

On motion, the petition was referred to a special committee of three.

Grand Sire appointed as the committee, Rep's Wildey, of Delaware, Warner, of District of Columbia ; and Keyser, of Maryland.

Petition was presented, from Edward Cooke, William Ball, Andrew , William Palkinghorn, John Cole, Richard Johns, George Mitchell, Cassely, John Rich, Ralph Goldsworthy, John Cock, Joseph R. and Edmund Paul, praying for a charter for a lodge to be located at Point, Iowa Territory, to be styled "Iowa Lodge, No. 1."

On motion, the petition was referred to a special committee.

Grand Sire announced Rep's Keyser, of Maryland ; Lucas, of Louisiana and Warner, of District of Columbia ; the committee.

D. Grand Sire stated that he had received a petition signed by Pe-Kenaday, T. B. Edmonson, William Gregory, Joseph Tretwell,illard, William B. Clark, James Montgomery and E. C. Hawkins, for a charter for a lodge to be located at Wheeling, Virginia, to be styled "Virginus Lodge, No. 3," which had received the sanction of a majority of the Representatives of the Grand Lodge of the United States ; same was forwarded, and that the lodge was now in successful operation.

On motion, the grant of the charter for Virginus Lodge, Wheeling, Virginia, was confirmed.

Lucas, of Louisiana, from the special committee to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Metcalfe and others, submitted the following

R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

A special committee to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Metcalfe and others, praying for a charter for a lodge to be located at Louisville, Kentucky, and hailed ——— Lodge, No. 4, report, that they have considered the subject referred, and recommend that the charter be granted, with the accompanying resolution for adoption.

SAMUEL LUCAS,
THOMAS WILDEY,
ANDREW E. WARNER.

Resolved, That the charter be granted as prayed for, and that the petitioners be authorized in selecting their name, they must not take that of any lodge heretofore existing in said state.

On motion, the report was accepted, and the resolution adopted.

Wildey, of Delaware, from the special committee to whom was referred the petition of P. G's John J. Roach and others, presented the following

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The undersigned to whom was referred the petition of P. G's John J. Roach and others, praying for a charter for a Grand Lodge, for the state of Kentucky, and to be located at Louisville, respectfully report, that they have attended to the duty assigned them, and submit the following resolution for adoption.

THOMAS WILDEY,
ANDREW E. WARNER,
GEORGE KEYSER.

Resolved, That a charter for a Grand Lodge for the state of Kentucky,* be granted to P. G's John J. Roach and others, and to be located at Louisville.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution adopted.

Rep. Keyser, of Maryland, from the special committee to whom was referred the petition of Edward Cooke and others, submitted the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The undersigned to whom was referred the petition of Edward Cooke and others, praying for a charter for a lodge to be located at Mineral Point, Iowa Territory, and hailed as Iowa Lodge, No. 1, respectfully report, that they have taken the subject into consideration, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted, and submit the following resolution for adoption.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEORGE KEYSER,
SAMUEL LUCAS,
ANDREW E. WARNER.

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution adopted.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That D. D. G. M. Taylor, of Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania, be deputed to institute Iowa Lodge, No. 1, Mineral Point, Iowa Territory.

On motion, the Grand Lodge closed the Special Session.

HENRY S. SANDERSON, *Grand Secretary. pro tem.*

* *Grand Lodge for the State of Kentucky.*—This body was opened and constituted on 12th September, 1835. The following were the officers installed, viz : Wm. S. Wolford, G. M. ; A. W. R. Harris, D. G. M. ; Charles Q. Black, G. Sec'y ; Henry Wolford, G. Treas.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION
OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES,
Held at the City of Baltimore, October, 1835.

MONDAY, October 5th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Lodge convened this day, at Odd Fellows Hall, city of Baltimore, being the regular Annual Communication, when the following were present :

W. G. Sire	W. G. Sire.
P. G. Sire	R. W. D. G. Sire.
Sec. & Treas.	R. W. G. Secretary, p. t.
	R. W. G. Treasurer.
	W. G. Guardian, p. t. and
	P. G. Sire THOMAS WILDEY.

The Grand Secretary presented the credentials of the Representatives of the several Grand Lodges, viz :

M. JAMES L. RIDGELY,	Rep. of Maryland.
C. CHARLES MOWATT,	Rep. of New York.
L. HOWELL HOPKINS,	Rep. of Pennsylvania.
A. ANDREW E. WARNER,	Proxy Rep. of Dis. Columbia.
Z. ZENAS B. GLAZIER,	Rep. of Delaware.
H. HENRY S. SANDERSON,	Proxy Rep. of Ohio.
M. SAMUEL LUCAS,	Proxy Rep. of Louisiana.
M. JOHN PEARCE,	Rep. of New Jersey.

Having ascertained that a constitutional quorum was present, the D. Grand Master directed to examine the Representatives.

The Grand Sire reported that the Representatives present were duly qualified, and then by order of the Grand Sire, proclaimed the Grand Lodge open for the transaction of business.

In address to the Throne of Grace, the Grand Sire appointed D. G. Sire Neilson ; G. Treasurer Mathiot ; and P. G. Sire Wildey, a committee to examine the credentials of the Representatives of the several Grand Lodges.

The D. Sire Neilson, from the committee to whom was referred the examination, presented the following report, which was accepted and the committee acknowledged.

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To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The committee appointed to examine the credentials of the Representatives from the several Grand Lodges, have had the same under consideration, and would beg leave respectfully to report : That the credentials from Maryland, New York and Pennsylvania, are found to be correct.

The credentials from New Jersey are in want of a seal, but the Grand Master has satisfied the committee that the Grand Lodge is not in possession of a seal at present. Your committee, therefore, recommend the Representative to a seat in this Grand Lodge.

The credentials from Delaware and Ohio, are signed by the D. Grand Masters respectively, with accompanying explanations, which your committee would respectfully present for the consideration of the Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ROBERT NEILSON,
AUGUSTUS MATHIOT,
THOMAS WILDEY.

G. Treasurer Mathiot, from the same committee, presented the following additional report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The committee appointed to examine the credentials, would beg leave further to report : That the credentials from District of Columbia, are correct, excepting the want of a seal—and the credentials of the Representative of Louisiana, are also correct, unless the Grand Lodge should determine that the alteration of the Constitution which has been done since the credentials were given, should affect them.

AUGUSTUS MATHIOT,
THOMAS WILDEY.

Whereupon, the following was submitted :

Resolved, That the credentials from District of Columbia be rejected.

Which was decided in the negative. And then, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the credentials of Andrew E. Warner, Proxy Representative of District of Columbia, be accepted.

Rep. Mowatt, of New York, moved that the credentials of Proxy Rep. Lucas, of Louisiana, be accepted. Which was decided in the negative.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, moved that the reading of the proceedings of the last Annual Communication and Special Session, be dispensed with. Which motion prevailed.

The Grand Sire appointed the following standing committees:

On Petitions—Rep's Ridgely of Maryland ; Hopkins, of Pennsylvania; and Pearce, of New Jersey.

On Finance—Rep's Hopkins, of Pennsylvania ; Sanderson, of Ohio ; and Mowatt, of New York.

On Returns, &c—Rep's Pearce, of New Jersey ; Glazier, of Delaware; and Mowatt, of New York.

On Correspondence—Rep's Mowatt, of New York ; Ridgely, of Maryland ; and Hopkins, of Pennsylvania.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, presented the account current of Grand Secretary Samuel Pryor, with the Grand Lodge of the United States, with a balance of \$75 13, and \$5 00, counterfeit.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet at four o'clock, this afternoon.

MONDAY, 4 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, the Officers and a due representation.

On motion of Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, the Work of the Order, as reported by the committee and laid on the table at the Annual Communication, 1934, was taken up for consideration.

After some desultory discussion on the same, it was on motion of Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, made the special order of business, to-morrow morning, at ten o'clock.

A petition was presented from Virginius Lodge, No. 3, signed by Peter W. Kenaday, Thomas B. Edmonson, Jesse Bullard, Robert Hamilton, James H. White, John Borland and Robert L. Holmes, praying for a charter for a Grand Lodge of Virginia, to be located at Wheeling. Also, from said lodge, to initiate Mr. Archibald Hawkins, he being over age.

On motion, the petitions were referred to the Committee on Petitions.

The reports of the several Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments were presented, and on motion, referred to the Committee on Reports, &c.

Rep. Sanderson, of Ohio, presented the following communication from the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

"To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee to whom was referred the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States, in reference to the title page of the Constitution and By Laws of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, beg leave to report:

That notwithstanding the Grand Lodge of the United States, now chooses to direct the Grand Lodge to change their title from "Order of Independent Odd Fellows," to that of the "Independent Order of Odd Fellows"; yet they have ever given us the strongest reasons for using the terms that we have done. We will here state a few of them.

The charter of this Grand Lodge, derived directly from the Grand Lodge of the United States, is headed in the most conspicuous manner possible, O. of I. O. F. Thus are we directed by the very fount of our being, to use the terms we have, and should we have used others, we should have justly deserved censure. And besides, there has never been a charter received in this state, from the Grand Lodge of the United States, but what was headed, "Order of Independent Odd Fellows," or simply, "Independent Odd Fellows"; the one bearing us out in the whole, the other in the essential part of the title we have used. Again, at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the United States, held at the city of Baltimore, commencing October 6, 1834, we find the report of the Grand Lodge of the state of Maryland, to the Grand Lodge of the United States, headed "O. of I. O. F." We would here remark, that Maryland is the oldest state in Odd Fellowship, in the Union. The proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, are headed "O. of I. O. F."; and in the report of the Grand Lodge of the state of New Jersey, we learn that the "Order of Independent Odd Fellows, is in a flourishing condition." In the report of the Grand Encampment of Maryland, we again find, "O. of I. O. F." used in addressing the Grand Lodge of the United States. And further, on page 27 of the printed proceedings of

the Grand Lodge of the United States, we observe a report addressed "to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States,—O. I. O. F." and signed "James L. Ridgely, Charles Mowatt and Thomas Wildey."

Your committee do not pretend to assert that O. of I. O. F. is indisputably right, but they wish to show by what authority the term has been adopted in this state. We do not, therefore, think that we have fallen into an error, as is supposed, in a report adopted by the Grand Lodge of the United States. If there is an error, it belongs to those who have preceded us.

Your committee would conclude, by offering the following resolutions :

Resolved, That James L. Ridgely, our Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States, have the thanks of this Grand Lodge, for the manner in which he protested against the right of the Grand Lodge of the United States, to interfere with the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the state of Ohio.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge continue to use the title affixed to our Constitution, until the Grand Lodge of the United States pass some resolution, settling the style which shall be used throughout the United States.

DAVID A. SANDERS, } Committee.
WILLIAM A. VOSS, }

On motion, the foregoing resolution was re-considered, and laid on the table.

M. R. SOUTHARD, *Grand Secretary*."

On motion, the communication was referred to a special committee.

The Grand Sire appointed as the committee, Rep's Glazier, of Delaware ; Hopkins, of Pennsylvania ; and Ridgely, of Maryland.

On motion of Rep. Sanderson, of Ohio, it was

Resolved, That the Committee of Correspondence be directed to notify the Grand Lodge of Louisiana that it is without a Representative in the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Rep. Sanderson, of Ohio, moved to amend the 10th Article of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, so as to compel the members of the Grand Lodge of the United States, to be contributing members of a subordinate Encampment ; provided, such Encampment act under the old O. B. N.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, offered the following, which was read, and on motion, laid on the table.

Resolved, That the Grand Sire visit the Encampment in Maryland and report whether they work according to the ancient usages and customs of this Order.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning, at ten o'clock.

TUESDAY, October 6th, 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, all the Officers and a due representation.

The D. Grand Sire presented a petition from Thomas B. Edmondson, Peter W. Kenaday, James H. White, Robert L. Holmes, Orr George, Frederick A. Wandelohr and Joseph H. Curran, praying for a charter for a Grand Encampment of Patriarchs, to be located at Wheeling, Ohio county, Virginia.

A petition was presented from brother Joseph Barclay and others, praying for a Charter for a Lodge to be located at New Albany, Indiana, and hailed by the title of "New Albany Lodge No. 1."

On motion, the petitions were referred to the Committee on Petitions.

The special order of the day was then called, being the consideration of the Work of the Order.

Whereupon, the Grand Lodge resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, D. Grand Sire Neilson in the chair.

The Committee of the Whole rose, and the Chairman reported that they had progressed in the Work of the Order, from section 1 to 48, inclusive.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until four o'clock this afternoon.

TUESDAY, 4 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, the Officers and a due representation.

The Grand Lodge then resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and proceeded to the consideration of the Work of the Order.

The Committee rose, and the Chairman reported to the Grand Lodge, that they had progressed in the consideration of the Work of the Order, from section 49 to 58, inclusive.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning, at ten o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, October 7th, 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, the Officers and a due representation.

The Grand Lodge then resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, and proceeded to the consideration of the Work of the Order.

The Committee rose, and the Chairman reported to the Grand Lodge, that they had progressed in the consideration of the Work of the Order, from section 59 to 77, inclusive.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, from the special committee, to whom was referred the subject of procuring a Service of Plate, to be presented to P. G. Sire Wilkey, presented the following report, which was accepted.

To R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee appointed to procure and present P. G. Sire Wilkey with a Service of Plate; beg leave to report, that they have caused the Plate to be made, and now have it ready to present to the P. G. Sire, at such time as the Grand Lodge shall order and direct.

HOWELL HOPKINS, *Chairman.*

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Chairman present P. G. Sire Wilkey with the Plate prepared.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, offered the following resolution, which was read, and on motion, laid on the table.

Resolved That notice be given to the several Grand Lodges, that on the first Monday of January, 1836 the Plate prepared for P. G. Sire Wilkey, will be publicly delivered to him with due and solemn ceremonies, at Philadelphia.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until four o'clock this afternoon.

WEDNESDAY, 4 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, the Officers and a due representation.

The Grand Sire called for the performance of the resolution directing the committee to present the Plate to P. G. Sire Wildey.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, moved the re-consideration of the resolution requiring the Chairman of the committee to present P. G. Sire Wildey with the Service of Plate. Which was determined in the negative.

The resolution submitted by Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, and laid on the table this morning, was, on motion, called up for consideration: the yeas and nays being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Rep's Mowatt, Warner, Sanderson and Pearce—4.

NAYS—Rep's Ridgely 2 votes; and Hopkins 2 votes—4.

The resolution was decided to be before the Grand Lodge by the casting vote of the Grand Sire.

A motion was made to amend the resolution, by striking out the word "January," and insert *June*.

Whereupon, Rep. Ridgely moved to lay the same on the table, which was decided in the affirmative, by the following vote:

YEAS—Rep's Ridgely, 2 votes; Mowatt, Warner and Glazier—5.

NAYS—Rep's Hopkins, 2 votes; Sanderson and Pearce—4.

Whereupon, the following was then submitted:

Resolved, That the resolution directing the Chairman of the committee to present the Service of Plate to P. G. Wildey, be now carried into effect.

The yeas and nays were called for on the adoption of the same, and were as follows:

YEAS—Rep's Ridgely, 2 votes; Mowatt, Warner, Glazier and Sanderson—6.

NAYS—Rep's Hopkins, 2 votes; and Pearce—3.

The resolution was therefore adopted.

Whereupon, Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, complied with the resolution, and presented M. W. P. G. Sire Wildey, with an elegant Service of Plate, valued at *Five Hundred Dollars*, in the name of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in the United States of America, accompanied by an Address, a copy of which was requested by the Grand Lodge, and ordered to be printed with the proceedings.*

P. G. Sire, Wildey, made a suitable reply, a copy of which was also requested for publication.

Rep. Mowatt, of New York, moved that the Grand Lodge resolve itself into Committee of the Whole, for the further consideration of the Work of the Order.

Which motion prevailed.

The Committee having spent some time in the consideration thereof, rose, and the Chairman reported that they had progressed from section 78 to 130, inclusive.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until nine o'clock, to-morrow morning.

* These addresses were not printed, and cannot be obtained.

THURSDAY, October 8th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment : Present, the Officers and a due representation.

On motion, the Grand Lodge resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, on the consideration of the Work of the Order.

The Committee having spent some time in the consideration thereof, rose, and the Chairman reported to the Grand Lodge, that they had progressed from section 131 to 136, inclusive.

On motion of Rep. Mowatt, of New York, the Grand Secretary was directed to notify the Grand Sire and Representatives now in the city, that unless they attend the meetings of this Grand Lodge, they will be fined.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until three o'clock, this afternoon.

THURSDAY, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment : Present, the same Officers and a due representation.

Rep. Mowatt, of New York, offered the following, which was adopted.

Whereas, P. G. M. Marshall, of the state of New York, was elected to the office of D. Grand Sire, in October, 1834 ; and

Whereas, The said P. G. M. Marshall, not having notified this Grand Lodge of his acceptance of said office, and not appearing to be installed therein ; Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge will proceed to an election of a Deputy Grand Sire, to-morrow afternoon, at four o'clock.

On motion of Rep. Pearce, of New Jersey, it was

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge proceed to the installation of Grand Officers, to-morrow afternoon, at five o'clock.

The Grand Lodge then resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, on the Work of the Order.

After the Committee had been occupied some time in the consideration thereof, rose, and the Chairman reported to the Grand Lodge, that they had progressed in the consideration of the same, from section 137 to 365, inclusive.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until half past seven o'clock, this evening.

THURSDAY, 7½ o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment : Present, all the Officers, and a due representation.

The Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*, not being able to attend, the Grand Sire appointed Rep. Mowatt, of New York, to act as Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*, for the evening.

On motion, the Grand Lodge resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, for the further consideration of the Work of the Order.

The Committee having been some time occupied in the consideration thereof, rose, and the Chairman reported that they had finished the entire

Work of the Order, and reported the same to the Grand Lodge, with the following amendments, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

That sections 48 and 50 had been stricken out, and in lieu of section 50, the Conductors charge as used in Maryland had been inserted.

That section 78 had been amended by inserting the Past Grands charge as used in Maryland, accompanied with a note, granting permission to omit the same should time be pressing.

That so much of the lecture of the Degree of the Covenant, on page 20, old book, omitted by the committee, had been inserted.

That section 136, had been stricken out. That so much of the Remembrance Degree, in old book of Maryland, commencing on page 37, at "P. G." with slight modification, had been added after section 183, and that whenever the words ***** appear in said degree, had been stricken out.

That section 283 had been amended.

That section 342 had been stricken out and a substitute inserted.

That section 369 had been amended, and recommend that the said section be referred to the committee on the Work of the Order.

On motion, the report of the Committee of the Whole was accepted, and the Committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject, and the reference suggested therein was made.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until nine o'clock, to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, October 9th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, the Officers and a due representation.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on the Work of the Order, reported an addition to section 369, which was accepted and ordered to be entered as a part of said section.

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the Work of the Order, as recommended by the Committee of the Whole.

Whereupon, Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, moved that the vote on the final passage of the Work of the Order, be taken by States, which was decided in the affirmative.

It was then agreed by the Grand Lodge, to put the Work of the Order on its passage by parts, whereupon, Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland, moved to adopt from section 1 to 47, inclusive, which was unanimously concurred in.

Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland, moved to adopt from section 48 to 87, inclusive.

Whereupon, Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, moved to amend by restoring section 48 as reported by the committee on the Work of the Order, which had been stricken out in Committee of the Whole, which was decided in the negative; the yeas and nays being called were as follows:

YEAS—Rep's Hopkins, 2 votes; Pearce—3.

NAYS—Rep's Ridgely, 2 votes; Mowatt, Warner, Glazier, Sanderson and P. G. Sire Wildey—7.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, moved to strike out the amendment passed in Committee of the Whole, to the 50th section, and restore the same as reported by the committee on the Work of the Order, which was decided in the affirmative.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, moved to strike out the P. G.'s charge, which was determined in the negative.

The question then recurred on sections 48 to 87, inclusive, as amended, and was decided in the affirmative.

Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland, moved to adopt from section 88 to 122, inclusive, which was decided in the affirmative.

Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland, moved to adopt from section 123 to 139 inclusive, which was decided in the affirmative; the yeas and nays being called, were as follows:

YEAS—Rep's Ridgely, 2 votes; Mowatt, Warner, Sanderson and P. G. Sire Wildey—6.

NAYS—Rep's Hopkins, 2 votes; Glazier and Pearce—4.

Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland, moved to adopt from section 140 to 180, inclusive, which was decided in the affirmative.

Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland, moved to adopt from section 181 to 199, inclusive.

Whereupon, Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, moved to strike out the amendment adopted in Committee of the Whole; which was determined in the negative by the casting vote of the Grand Sire; the yeas and nays being called were as follows:

YEAS—Rep's Mowatt, Hopkins, 2 votes; Pearce and Sanderson—5.

NAYS—Rep's Ridgely, 2 votes; Warner, Glazier and P. G. Sire Wildcy—5.

The question was then taken upon the motion to adopt, and determined in the affirmative by the casting vote of the Grand Sire; the yeas and nays being called were as follows:

YEAS—Rep's Ridgely, 2 votes; Warner, Sanderson and P. G. Sire Wildey—5.

NAYS—Rep's Mowatt, Hopkins, 2 votes; Glazier and Pearce—5.

Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland, moved to adopt from section 200 to 283, inclusive, which was decided in the affirmative.

The Grand Lodge then on motion adopted from section 284 to 362, inclusive, and from 363 to 371, inclusive.

A motion was made to amend, by striking out a certain portion of section 416, which was determined in the affirmative; the yeas and nays being called were as follows:

YEAS—Rep's Ridgely, 2 votes; Mowatt, Hopkins, 2 votes; Warner, Sanderson and P. G. Sire Wildey—8.

NAYS—Rep. Pearce—1.

On motion, the Grand Lodge then adopted from section 372 to the conclusion.

Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland, moved that the Work of the Order, as amended, be now passed, which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

YEAS—Rep's Ridgely, 2 votes; Mowatt, Hopkins, 2 votes; Warner, Glazier, Sanderson and P. G. Sire Wildey—9.

NAYS—Rep. Pearce—1.

Rep. Pearce, of New Jersey, moved that a select committee be appointed for the purpose of having the Work of the Order printed and distributed among the several lodges, which motion prevailed.

The Grand Sire announced as the committee, P. G. Sire Wildey ; and Rep's Ridgely, of Maryland, and Warner, of District of Columbia.

Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland, offered the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the committee of printing and distributing the amended Charges and Lectures, be instructed to deliver to the Grand Representatives, the compliment of new books they may require, upon the surrender of the old ones, if convenient ; and if not convenient, upon the condition that he cause them to be surrendered at the next session of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Rep. Pearce, of New Jersey, offered the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the following be appended to each Charge Book when printed :
"Adopted by the Grand Lodge of the United States, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at its regular Annual Session, held in the city of Baltimore, on the 9th day of October, 1835. Present,

JAMES GETTYS, M. W. G. Sire.
ROBERT NEILSON, R. W. D. G. Sire.
A. MATHIOT, R. W. G. Treasurer.
JAS. L. RIDGELY, Rep. of Maryland.
CHARLES MOWATT, Rep. of New York.
HOWELL HOPKINS, Rep. of Pennsylvania.
A. E. WARNER, Rep. Dist. of Columbia.
H. S. SANDERSON, Rep. of Ohio.
Z. GLAZIER, Rep. of Delaware.
JOHN PEARCE, Rep. of New Jersey.
THOMAS WILDEY, P. G. Sire.

Grand Sire.

G. Sec'y."

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, moved that the Grand Sire be instructed to furnish the different lodges and Encampments, where there is no Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, with the necessary Charge Books, &c., which motion prevailed.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, moved that each of the subordinate lodges be furnished with one Charge and two Lecture Books, and each Encampment with six Books, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland, offered the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the Committee of Correspondence of this Grand Lodge, be directed to address a congratulatory letter* to our brethren in Great Britain, upon the state of

* *Congratulatory letter.*—The following is the letter which the committee transmitted.

"The M. W. Grand Sire of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of the United States of America—the R. W. Grand Representatives of the Grand Lodge of the United States—Officers and Brethren—To the M. W. Grand Master, D. Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Manchester Unity, (England,) of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in Friendship, Love and Truth, Greeting :

* Well-beloved Brethren :

"At the Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodge of the United States, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, convened in the city of Baltimore and state of Maryland : present, a representation from Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania, District of Columbia, Delaware, Ohio, New Jersey and Louisiana, the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

"That the Committee of Correspondence of this Grand Lodge, be directed to address a congratulatory letter to our brethren in Great Britain, upon the state of the Order in that country ; and respectfully to suggest to them the propriety of discontinuing all convivial practices in their lodges, and to solicit from them a detailed historical account of the origin, rise, and progress of the Order ; and to transmit to them (neatly bound) a copy of the Constitution and proceedings up to this Session, inclusive, of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and the revised work of the Order as adopted at this Session : and most especially to request them to make no alteration whatever in the general features of the Order, without a mutual consultation on the subject—as uniformity of actions and principle is essentially necessary to the welfare of the Order."

"The undersigned, being the committee to whom the duty enjoined in the resolution was confided, avail themselves of the opportunity presented to congratulate the brethren of our Mother Land upon the prosperous and onward march of Odd Fellowship in that great and absorbing kingdom ; and while

the Order in that country, and respectfully to suggest to them the propriety of discontinuing all convivial practices in their lodges, and to solicit from them a detailed historical account of the origin, rise and progress of the Order—and to transmit to them (neatly bound) a copy of the constitution and proceedings up to this Session, inclusive, of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and the revised Work of the Order as adopted at this Session—and most especially to request them to make no alteration whatever in the general features of the Order, without a mutual consultation on the subject; as uniformity of actions and principle is essentially necessary to the welfare of the Order.

Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland, from the Committee on Petitions presented the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition of Virginius Lodge, No. 3, of Wheeling, Virginia, praying for a charter for a Grand Lodge, and the application of the brethren of the same state, for a Grand Encampment, to be located at Wheeling, in the state of Virginia, have had the same under consideration, and ask leave respectfully to report: that the prayer of the petitioners cannot consistently with the laws of the Order be granted, the petition not being made in conformity with the requisition of the 4th Article of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, that "Two or more subordinate lodges, or Encampments, located in any state, district or territory, where a Grand Lodge, or Grand Encampment, has not been established, having seven Past Grands, or Patriarchs, in good standing, may petition the Grand Lodge of the United States, in writing, praying for the charter of a Grand Lodge, or Grand

we are thus truly gratified that we are permitted to tender you our congratulations, it is a source of most unalloyed pleasure to ourselves to inform you, that Odd Fellowship seems indeed to be a plant peculiarly adapted to the soil of our own happy country. Scarcely has one score of years marked its existence in America, and behold its banners unfurled and its temples erected in every valley, on every plain, and upon every mountain top of this immensely extended domain; numbering among its votaries, tens of thousands of the choicest sons of the Republic, every where visiting and comforting the sick, burying the deceased, succoring the disconsolate widow, and educating the orphan. Nor is this an ideal picture, but the rigid truth, as you will observe from a perusal of the documents accompanying this communication. Next to religion, we believe Odd Fellowship the best institution which Providence has given to man for the amelioration of his moral and social relations. Prizing it thus sacredly, a pious regard to the purity of its purposes has been most religiously inculcated with us; and in the attainment of this desideratum, anxious efforts have been made from time to time to lop from it every excrescence, and disembarass it from all extraneous habits and customs which were not strictly auxiliary to its benevolent purposes, and more particularly to divest it of all practices which were at war with its first principles, and were calculated to bring it into disrepute and odium. Among the first of the improvements to the Order in America, required by duty and a decent respect for the opinions of mankind, was the abolition of all social and convivial practices at lodge meetings; since when it has riveted the respect and esteem of the virtuous of all classes, and augmented our numbers almost incredibly. This subject, as commanded by the resolution of the Grand Lodge of the United States, we most earnestly and affectionately submit to your early consideration. As uniformity and harmony in the work of the Order throughout the globe is so obviously essential to the universality of Odd Fellowship, we do not deem it necessary to enlarge upon this part of the resolution, confident that in so important a matter as any alteration in the work, no definite action will ever be made by the brethren in England without our knowledge and assent. We are charged to solicit from you a detailed historical account of the origin, rise and progress of the Order; and this part of the resolution we desire complied with, literally and promptly. No matter how humble or obscure may have been its beginning—no matter for what purpose instituted—let us have the period and circumstances of its origin, that it may be preserved in the archives of the Order in America. We are neither ashamed nor unwilling to expose to the public gaze what we have been, since we are prepared to exhibit what we are; and thus, by instituting the comparison, claim the rank among the benefactors of mankind to which our works justly entitle us.

*With our fervent prayer that Providence, who has thus blessed our joint labors in the cause of Humanity, Benevolence and Charity, will continue his outstretched care and guardianship over our devoted institution,

"W"

Be, your brethren, in Friendship, Love and Truth,

"JAMES L. RIDGELY, Rep. of Maryland.

"CHARLES MOWATT, Rep. of New York.

"HOWELL HOPKINS, Rep. of Pennsylvania.

"THOMAS WILDEX, F. G. Secy."

Encampment, in such state, district or territory." Hence it will be obvious, that the application not proceeding from two lodges as required by the article referred to, cannot be constitutionally granted. The same objection applies to the application for a Grand Encampment, it proceeding also but from one Encampment in the state of Virginia. The Grand Lodge of the United States have hitherto passed upon a similar application from Boon Lodge, No. 1, of Kentucky, and to place the matter clearly before all the states, have adopted a form for such application, to which the committee beg leave to refer the brethren in Virginia, to be found on page 25 of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States, October 1834. The committee therefore recommend resolutions for the consideration of the Grand Lodge.

The committee having learned that the brethren at Wheeling have not as yet an Encampment—and believing the petitioners intend to apply for a subordinate Encampment, respectfully recommend a resolution for that purpose.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES L. RIDGELY,
JOHN PEARCE,
HOWELL HOPKINS.

Resolved, That the prayer of the brethren of Virginius Lodge, of Virginia, for a Grand Lodge to be located at Wheeling, and for a Grand Encampment, cannot be granted, the application not being in conformity with the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to transmit a copy of this report and resolutions to Virginius Lodge, of Virginia, and to call the attention of said lodge to the form of application recommended by the Grand Lodge at its last session.

Resolved, That the petitioners be granted a charter for a subordinate Encampment, to be opened at Wheeling, and be called — Encampment, No. 1, of Virginia.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolutions adopted.

On motion, the Grand Lodge went into a nomination for D. Grand Sire, Rep. Sanderson, of Ohio, nominated P. G. M. John Pearce, of New Jersey.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until four o'clock, this afternoon.

FRIDAY, 4 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, the same Officers and Representatives as in the morning.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee of Finance, presented the following bills and accounts as correct, which were ordered to be paid:

S. Pryor's account, balance in his hands	\$75 13.	
Sands & Neilson's bill for printing,	- - -	\$140 00
P. G. Sire Wildey, for postage, stationery, &c.	- - -	11 41
William Crouch, for preparing charters, &c.	- - -	9 75

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Petitions, presented the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Petitions respectfully report, that they have considered the petition of Virginius Lodge, No. 3, Va., praying permission to initiate Mr. Archibald Hawkins, he being over age, and submit a resolution for adoption. They have also considered the petition of brothers Joseph Barclay and others, praying for a charter for a lodge to be located at New Albany, Indiana, and hailed by the title of "New Albany Lodge, No. 1," and recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted upon receipt of the charter fee, and that the Grand Sire depute a properly qualified member, to open said lodge.

HOWELL HOPKINS,
JOHN PEARCE.

Resolved, That the prayer of Virginius Lodge, No. 3, Va., be granted.

Resolved, That the prayer of brothers Joseph Barclay and others, be granted, and that the Grand Sire depute a member residing at Louisville or Cincinnati, properly qualified to open said lodge.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolutions adopted.

On motion of Rep. Mowatt, of New York, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of the state of New York be permitted to hold its meetings in the cities of Albany or New York,* during the pleasure of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Mowatt, of New York, offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Article 10th of the Constitution, and the form of a report for subordinate lodges, be printed with the proceedings of this session.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, submitted the following preamble and resolution, which was adopted.

Whereas, The Grand Sire is enjoined by the Constitution and By-Laws, to visit by himself, or a Deputy by him duly appointed, all the Grand and subordinate lodges working under an unreclaimed warrant from this Grand Lodge. And *Whereas*, it would be of great advantage to the Order if a Deputy be appointed in each state, district or territory—Therefore,

Resolved, That the Grand Sire be requested to select and appoint a qualified Past Grand in each state, district and territory, whose duty it shall be to visit each lodge, working under warrant of this Grand Lodge, in said state, district or territory, and communicate all information and instructions which may be by this Grand Lodge directed to be made. And when a charter for a Grand or subordinate lodge or Encampment shall be granted, the Past Grand so appointed shall attend and perform the ceremony of opening and installation. He shall bear the title of Dist. Deputy Grand Sire of the United States, of I. O. of O. F.—his expenses whilst so engaged shall be charged to the lodge he may be required to visit.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, offered the following preamble and resolution, which was adopted.

Whereas, By the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, Past Grand Sires are admitted to a seat in this Grand Lodge, and be entitled to one vote, on all questions coming before this Grand Lodge—Therefore,

Resolved, That this clause of the Constitution does not make a Past Grand Sire an officer of this Grand Lodge.

P. G. Sire Wildey offered the following, which was adopted:

* *Albany or New York*.—This was one of the most impolitic grants provided for by the action of the Grand Lodge. Nothing could be devised better calculated to injure permanently the interests of the Order than to permit a superintending authority to be of a migratory character. Indeed, such seems to have been the view taken ever since on similar applications. As it was the first, so has it been the last grant of the kind; and was effectually repealed by the action of 1837 and 1838, relative to the Grand Lodge of New York.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to draft and superintend the engraving of a general Travelling Certificate, to be used by all Grand and subordinate lodges, working under warrant from this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Sire appointed as the committee, Rep's Hopkins, of Pennsylvania ; Pearce, of New Jersey ; and Glazier, of Delaware.

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded to elect a Deputy Grand Sire for the ensuing term, when, there being no opposition, the Chair pronounced P. G. M. JOHN PEARCE, Rep. of New Jersey, duly elected, *viva voce*.

Previous to the Grand Sire's leaving the Chair, he delivered the following

FAREWELL ADDRESS.

BRETHREN—The relation in which I have stood toward you for the last two years being about to be dissolved, and the charities entrusted to my superintendence for the time, to be surrendered to the high source from whence they were delegated: I claim your indulgence, to express my feelings of gratitude for the very kind indulgence and forbearance you have invariably shown me.

It is a source of great gratification to state, that the unparalleled prosperity of our beloved Order, existing at the time of the resignation of my predecessor, the father and founder of American Odd Fellowship, continues undiminished, characterized by peculiarities to be hereafter mentioned, clearly demonstrative that the inestimable blessings of Odd Fellowship are so happily disseminated, and the bonds of union so strongly cementing, as to afford the most pleasing anticipations for the time to come—and if the high character given to it by my much esteemed predecessor, has been in the least advanced under my superintendence, then indeed has the measure of my highest ambition been gratified. And now in surrendering the office to my successor, I cordially tender to him the hand of good-fellowship, well assured from his zeal and devotion to Friendship, Love and Truth, that it has been judiciously bestowed, and will be honorably and usefully worn. And inasmuch as the unprecedented prosperity of Odd Fellowship is an evidence of its being acceptable in the eyes of the Supreme Being, let us in our associate capacity implore the continuance of his guardian care, and offer up our grateful acknowledgments for his gracious keeping, whereby we have been sustained under all losses, crosses and trials, and saved from desponding—and let us invoke his Fatherly care for my worthy successor ; filling him with a proper sense of the high responsibilities, with a mind duly to appreciate, and a heart nothing undaunted in their due execution.

Accept my acknowledgments for your kind attention, and my wishes for your happiness collectively and individually. Finally, brethren, farewell!—let Friendship, Love and Truth be our guide and action, and the God of Love and Peace will be with us.

The hour having arrived which was set apart for the installation of Grand Officers, the Chair requested Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, and P. G. Sire Wildey, to present the brothers elect for that purpose, when the following elected and appointed officers were severally, introduced and regularly installed, viz:—

M. GEORGE KEYSER,	M. W. G. Sire.
M. JOHN PEARCE,	R. W. D. G. Sire.
P. G. Sire ROBERT NEILSON,	R. W. G. Secretary.
CHARLES MOWATT,	R. W. G. Treasurer.
C. SATER T. WALKER,	W. G. Chaplain.
M. SAMUEL LUCAS,	W. G. Marshal.
WILLIAM CROUCH,	W. G. Guardian.

Sire Gettys accompanied the installation of the M. W. Grand Sire following remarks:

ted Brother—The gratification of your being unanimously elected over the Grand Lodge of the United States, Independent Odd Fellows, is doubly enhanced in being the medium of investiture the insignia of our beloved Order, and from a well assured that they will be worn honorably to yourself, satisfactorily to you, and beneficially to the human family—accept my best wishes happiness; make the golden precepts of our Order the guide and in actions, and you will assuredly secure an approving conscience, than gold and high places—and the blessings of the God of Love will be and remain with you.

Pearce, of New Jersey, moved that the thanks of this Grand be tendered to P. G. Sire Gettys, for the several duties performed as Grand Sire of this Grand Lodge, which was unanimously

Pearce, of New Jersey, moved that the thanks of this Grand be tendered to P. D. G. Sire Neilson, for the manner in which he his duties while in office, which was unanimously adopted. Then, the Grand Lodge adjourned until nine o'clock, to-morrow

SATURDAY, October 10th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, the Officers and representation. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, from the committee of Finance, presented the following report.

W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

committee of Finance report—That in the course of their investigation ascertain that charters have been granted for Chosen Friends Louisville, Kentucky, and also for a lodge at St. Louis—the fees for which do not appear to have been received Grand Lodge. They therefore recommend the following—

That the Grand Secretary be directed to address a communication to each lodge, requesting them to remit the amount of fee due for charter, if not already paid; and if remitted, to say to whom the same was sent.

That the Grand Secretary be directed to have prepared a bill and statement of the account of each Lodge with this Grand Lodge, from the time

of charter granted, to this time; and submit the same to the Grand Lodge at the next Annual Session.

They also report the following bills as correct:

Grand Lodge of Maryland for books,	\$30 00
Jerusalem Encampment, No. 1, for do.	12 00

HOWELL HOPKINS,
CHARLES MOWATT.

On motion, the report was accepted, the resolutions adopted, and the bills ordered to be paid.

Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland, from the Committee on Funeral Obsequies, presented the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee to whom was referred the Funeral Obsequies of the Order, for the purpose of revision and amendment, have had the same under consideration, and ask leave respectfully to report the accompanying form of ceremony to be observed at funerals, of deceased brethren.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *Chairman.*

On motion, the report was accepted.

Rep. Glazier, of Delaware, moved that the same be adopted by sections, which motion prevailed.

On motion, the first section, as far as the formation of the procession, was adopted as reported.

Rep. Glazier, of Delaware, moved to adopt the second section, as far as the procession arriving at the grave, which motion prevailed.

On motion, the third section, as far as the funeral ceremony, was adopted.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, moved to adopt the prayer, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, moved the adoption of the balance of the form, which was decided in the affirmative.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, offered the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the form of Funeral Obsequies, as reported by the committee, be adopted and approved by this Grand Lodge—and the committee on printing the Work of the Order, be directed to have it printed and bound up with each Charge Book for subordinate lodges.

Rep. Pearce, of New Jersey, from the Committee on Returns, &c., presented the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Returns, &c., to whom was referred the Returns of the Grand and subordinate Lodges and Encampments under this jurisdiction, respectfully report, that the annual returns of the following named Grand and subordinate Lodges and Encampments are correct, except the deficiencies noticed.

Grand Lodge of Maryland—error in styling themselves O. I. O. F. instead of I. O. of O. F., and no returns of their P. G. Masters, nor the places of meeting of their subordinate lodges.

Grand Lodge of New York—error in not returning the names of their P. G. Masters, and places of meeting of their subordinate lodges, also the names of P. C. Patriarchs.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania—error in not making returns of the names of their P. G. Masters, and the places of meeting of their subordinate lodges.

Grand Lodge of Delaware—error in not returning the names of all the elected officers, the names of their P. G. Masters and P. C. Patriarchs, and the places of meeting of their subordinate lodges.

Grand Lodge of New Jersey—error in not returning the names of their P. G. Masters, and in not having a proper seal for their Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge of Ohio is correct, with the exception of a proper caption, and where the same is located.

Grand Lodge of District of Columbia—error in writing the style of the lodge and in the manner of addressing this Grand Lodge; no names of P. G. Masters are returned.

Columbia Encampment, No. 1, D. C.—omits the name of the Order, and does not address the Grand Lodge by its proper name; no return of their officers, nor P. C. Patriarchs. The dues accruing to this Grand Lodge appear to be \$25 83, as per report, and they have no proper seal for their Encampment.

Virginus Lodge, No. 3, Wheeling, Va.—no report of the names of their Past Grands.

Washington Lodge, No. 2, Norfolk, Va.—no names of their Past Grands; dues accruing to this Grand Lodge as per report, \$3 80—\$40 is enclosed with the report to be placed to the credit of said lodge.

Chosen Friends Lodge, No. 2, Louisville, Ky.—no name of Past Grands; request them to send an impression of their seal. The Order is very flourishing, according to the report of this lodge. The dues accruing to the Grand Lodge are \$37 69, on account of which \$35 has been received, leaving a balance due of \$2 69.

Virginia Lodge, No. 1—error in not reporting where the lodge is held, nor the names of their elected officers, according to the usage of subordinate lodges, and the last return being without a seal.

Grand Encampment of Maryland—error in styling themselves the O. I. O. F. instead of the proper title I. O. of O. F., and no returns of their elected officers or their P. G. Patriarchs, nor the places of meeting of the Encampments.

Boon Lodge, No. 1, Louisville, Ky.—no names of Past Grands. The initials of the style of the Order have been omitted on the seal of this lodge, which should be added to it. The dues accruing to the Grand Lodge are \$37 49, on account of which \$37 has been received, leaving a balance of 49 cents.

All of which is respectfully submitted, and the committee offer the following resolution :

JOHN PEARCE,
CHARLES MOWATT,
ZENAS B. GLAZIER.

Resolved, That the Grand and subordinate lodges and Encampments be requested to make their future returns correspond as fully as possible according to the blank

form as prepared for that purpose, and published in the proceedings of this Session of the Grand Lodge—and on the petition of Virginius Lodge, No. 3, for a remission of their dues, they also recommend, that said lodge be allowed until next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge for payment of the same.

Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland, offered the following resolution, which was determined in the negative.

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on Returns and Reports be re-committed to them, with instructions, that they have exceeded their jurisdiction, they having no cognizance of petitions or finances.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, moved that the report be accepted and the resolution adopted, which was decided in the affirmative: the yeas and nays being called, were as follows:

YEAS—Rep's Mowatt, Hopkins, 2 votes; Warner, Glazier, Pearce and P. G. Sire Wildey—7.

NAYS—Rep's Ridgely, 2 votes—2.

Rep. Mowatt, of New York, offered the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary report the names* of the lodges who have sent an impression of their seal, in accordance with Article 7, of the By-Laws.

P. G. Sire Gettys presented the following report, and on motion of Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, it was accepted, and ordered to be spread on the journal.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

In compliance with the requisition of the Grand Lodge, and of the ancient usage of the Order, the Grand Sire would respectfully report, that since the last Annual Communication, I visited Virginia Lodge, No. 1, located at Harper's Ferry, Va., and found the Order in a prosperous condition.

In July last I deputed P. G. Sire Wildey to visit such Grand and subordinate Lodges, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, as might be deemed necessary, East and North of Maryland; who has made to me the following report: "That he left Baltimore on the 5th day of August, 1835, for Philadelphia; that while in that city he waited on P. G. M. Skinner, Grand Secretary to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and received from him a very satisfactory account of the situation of the Order in that state: called on the Grand Master, who was absent from the city; after which he visited the Hall, paid his respects to the members of Pennsylvania Lodge, No. 1, among whom he found P. G. M. Potts, one of her oldest Past Grands.

The P. Grand Sire left Philadelphia next morning for New York, and on reaching the steam-boat, found P. G. M. Pearce, Rep. of New Jersey, and G. M. Howell Hopkins, Rep. of Pennsylvania, who gave him very flattering information respecting the Order in their respective states.

On his arrival in New York, he was hurried off to Albany, accompanied by G. M. Leise, and other members of the Grand Lodge, about to assemble in that city. On his arrival, there was a meeting of the Encampment, and he assisted in installing their officers, furnishing them with every necessary information, and receiving an assurance that no exertion would be wanting on their part to ensure future success. The Grand Lodge as-

* Report the names.—This order does not appear to have been complied with.

sembled next day, being better attended and receiving more full reports than at any previous session—made every requisite inquiry into their proceedings, and found them conforming, in every particular, to the general usages of the Order—harmony and prosperity exist among the members, presenting a very flattering prospect, and guaranteeing a much greater increase than heretofore. He assisted in installing the officers of the Grand Lodge, and was much pleased with his reception. On his return to the city of New York, visited the Encampment, was received by the brethren in the most cordial manner, and found the Order in a truly flourishing condition in that city.

On the 12th, the P. Grand Sire left for Providence, R. I.—visited the members, and found they were disorganized, not having had a meeting for twelve months, the members being scattered from place to place. Here the P. Grand Sire met with P. G. Wood, from Taunton, Mass., who informed him that the lodge at Taunton was disorganized, without a hope of being re-established.

He then left for Massachusetts, arrived in Boston, and from thence to Lowell; found the members true to the cause of Odd Fellowship, who pledged themselves to sustain the interests and secure the approbation of the Order. The P. Grand Sire is of opinion, that although this state has been neglected by its principal officers for some years past, there is no state in the Union possessed of better members, nor presents a more ample field for the cultivation of the principles of Odd Fellowship. After remaining in Lowell two days, returned to Boston, and visited P. G. Guild, and inquired of him whether there was any prospect of re-opening a lodge in that city, but he gave him no hopes at present. P. G. Guild has all the books, charters, &c., of forfeited lodges in the state, in his possession, with the exception of a lecture book, loaned to a Past Grand not then in town, but promised he would forward them in time for the meeting of the Grand Lodge of the United States in Baltimore.

On his return, he called at the village of Cranston, R. I., and had an interview with P. G. Wood, his present place of residence, one of the most confidential and persevering Odd Fellows in the eastern part of our country. After some consultation with him, they found that nothing could be done to organize a lodge either at Taunton, Mass., or Providence, R. I. P. G. Wood promised to have the books of both lodges collected, and forwarded at the coming session of the Grand Lodge of the United States. The members of the lodge at Taunton promised to deposite their certificates in Merrimack Lodge, at Lowell, until such time as a new lodge could be opened. After leaving Rhode Island, arrived at New York, from thence to Paterson, N. J., called on the principal members, and gave them every necessary instruction, particularly the Encampment, the charter of which had become defaced; a new one applied for and granted, which has since been forwarded.

The P. Grand Sire returned to New York, from thence to Philadelphia, and found that the charter for Iowa, had been forwarded; proceeded then to Wilmington, Del., had an interview with the Grand Master, and found the Order progressing in that state.

He arrived in Baltimore on his return, and reports that the Order in Maryland is increasing in numbers and respectability.

The P. Grand Sire also reports having received a small parcel containing books, certificates and proceedings of the Grand Annual Moveable Committee of Great Britain."

I visited Washington Lodge, No. 2, in Norfolk, Va., in September, and found the lodge contending against adverse circumstances, yet with the prospect of surmounting their difficulties, and advancing in the good cause of benevolence and charity.

The D. Grand Sire reports that he has attended to forwarding four charters left in his charge, at the last Annual Communication, viz: an Encampment and subordinate charter at Louisville, Ky., a subordinate charter at St. Louis, Mo., and one at Covington, Ky., all forwarded to P. G. Miller, of Lower Alton, Illinois, from whom he received an answer that he had performed the duty assigned him, with the exception of St. Louis, who were not ready to receive it, and promised to write so soon as they were, since which time he has not heard from him.

I must apologize to the Grand Lodge for not having complied with the requisition of the Constitution, in visiting the lodges in the Valley of the Mississippi, which proceeded from a want of knowledge of a brother properly qualified to be deputized, and from the low state of the treasury of the Grand Lodge of the United States, I was unwilling to incur the expense of a personal visit.

From a review of the situation of the Order in the United States, the Grand Sire would congratulate the Representatives on the prosperous condition of our beloved Order in this country, and would recommend a liberal and wise system of legislation, so that the great principles of our Institution may become more fully known and better appreciated throughout the land.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES GETTYS, *Grand Sire.*

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, from the committee on the Work of the Order, reported a new degree for members of a Grand Encampment of Patriarchs, which was read, and, on motion, laid on the table.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, moved that the committee on the remaining part of the Work of the Order, be discharged, which was decided in the affirmative.

P. G. Sire Wildey offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to revise the installations of Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, and the ceremonies used on delivery of charters; together with the **** used at the installation of officers, &c.

The Grand Sire appointed as the committee, P. G. Sire Wildey; and Rep's Pearce, of New Jersey, and Ridgely, of Maryland.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee of Finance, presented the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee of Finance respectfully report, that by the report of the Grand Sire, it appears that during the recess of this Grand Lodge, the interest of the Order required a personal visit by him to lodges at Harper's Ferry, Norfolk, and Baltimore—and that the interest of the Order hav-

quired that a visit to the lodges in Massachusetts should be made, he therefore deputized P. G. Sire Willey to perform that duty. In pursu-
of such appointment, he visited Pennsylvania, New York, Massachu-
New Jersey and Delaware. Bills for the expenses attendant on the
mance of those duties, have been submitted to the committee, amount-
\$124 25, which the committee approve and recommend to be paid.

HOWELL HOPKINS,
CHARLES MOWATT,
HENRY S. SANDERSON.

motion, the report was accepted, and the bills ordered to be paid.
G. Sire Willey offered the following resolution, which was adopted.
Resolved, That after the printing of the present proceedings, there be not exceeding
copies of the Work of the Order and proceedings bound, and the initials of each
district and territory on the cover—to be retained in the possession of this
Lodge.

G. Sire Willey offered the following resolution, which was adopted.
Resolved, That from and after the ———, 1836, each and every lodge and Encamp-
ment working by authority derived from this Grand Lodge, shall charge the candi-
date brothers, the following fees:

For Initiation, not less than	\$5 00
For the White Degree, not less than	5 00
For the Covenant Degree, "	4 00
For the Royal Blue Degree, "	3 00
For the Remembrance Degree, "	2 00
For the Scarlet Degree, "	1 00
For the Patriarchal and Encampment Degree, -	5 00
For the Golden Rule Degree, -	4 00
For the Royal Purple Degree, -	3 00

And, a majority of Grand Lodges shall, on or before the next Annual Session
of Grand Lodge, certify their willingness to the establishment of the above fees.
P. Pearce, of New Jersey, moved that the blank be filled with the 31st
number, which was determined in the affirmative.
In motion of Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, various corrections were
made in the printed copy of the proceedings of the last Annual Session.
In motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until four o'clock, this afternoon.

SATURDAY, 4 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, all the
members, and a full representation.
P. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee of Finance, pre-
sented the following report:

of the Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee of Finance respectfully report, that they have examined
the account of A. Mathot, Grand Treasurer, and compared it with the
original bills and his account correct, except two charges for money paid
to W. Willey, to wit \$111, the other \$187, which sums were paid
for printing by G. Sire Willey, without having been presented and ap-
proved by the Grand Lodge: and it now appears that the same amounts

had been included in a former order drawn in favor of P. G. Sire Wildey, and which had been paid except the sum of \$5, part thereof for which a bill has been presented, and ordered to be paid at the present Session of the Grand Lodge. The committee therefore disallow these two items, which will make the balance due Grand Lodge by Grand Treasurer, \$94 47.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HOWELL HOPKINS,
CHARLES MOWATT,
HENRY S. SANDERSON.

On motion, the report was accepted.

P. G. Sire Wildey, moved that the Grand Secretary be authorized to receipt for all moneys received for the Plate. Which motion prevailed.

P. G. Sire Wildey, offered the following resolutions, which were adopted.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge cause to be prepared a Certificate or Diploma, to be issued to members in good standing, they paying the price therefor, which shall be fixed by the Grand Lodge—and

Resolved, That a committee be appointed for the purpose of causing a plate to be engraved for such Certificate or Diploma.

On motion, the Grand Sire; and Rep's Hopkins, of Pennsylvania; and Sanderson, of Ohio, were appointed the committee.

Rep. Pearce, of New Jersey, called up for consideration the report of the committee on the Work of the Order, in relation to a Grand Encampment Degree, which was read.

Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland, moved that the same be indefinitely postponed, which was determined in the negative.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, moved to refer the same to a committee, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Sanderson, of Ohio, moved that the committee consist of three, to be appointed by the Chair, which was decided in the affirmative.

The Grand Sire appointed as the committee, Rep's Pearce, of New Jersey; Ridgely, of Maryland; and P. G. Sire Wildey.

The proceedings of the Special Session, held the 1st of September, 1835, were read, and on motion adopted.

Rep. Mowatt, of New York, offered the following, which was unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the Grand Lodge of Maryland for the use of their Hall during the present Session.

Rep. Mowatt, of New York, offered the following resolution, which which was adopted.

Resolved, That the sum of ten dollars be paid to William Crouch, for his services as Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*, during this Session of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, moved that the Grand Secretary be authorized to have printed with the proceedings, the amounts of moneys which may have come into his hands, subscribed for the Service of Plate, to P. G. Sire Wildey.

On motion, the Grand Lodge closed the Annual Session with prayer.

ROBERT NEILSON, *Grand Secretary.*

Amount subscribed by the members of the several state, district and territorial Grand and Subordinate Lodges, of the I. O. O. F., in the United States, for a splendid Service of Plate, to P. G. Sire Thomas Wildey.

From the Order in Maryland,	-	-	-	-	\$102 90
" " New York,	-	-	-	-	40 37½
" " Pennsylvania,	-	-	-	-	150 00
" " Louisiana,	-	-	-	-	40 00
" " Ohio,	-	-	-	-	10 00
" " District of Columbia,	-	-	-	-	17 00
" " Virginia,	-	-	-	-	30 00
" " Kentucky,	-	-	-	-	8 00
" " Delaware,	-	-	-	-	5 00
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					\$403 27½
Balance yet to be subscribed,					101 72½
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Cost of Plate,					\$505 00
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Dr. GRAND LODGE of U. S., in account with A. MATHNOT, G. Treas. Cr.

1834.	1834.
Oct 9, To cash, S. Pryor, G. Secretary,	Oct. 9, By balance on hand, - \$181 49
\$82 00	" By cash, Grand Secretary, 44 00
" " Thomas Morse, G. Guardian, 62 00	30, " Grand Lodge of Maryland, - 40 00
" " J. Geuya, G. Sire, 74 00	1835.
10, " R. Neilson, D. G. Sire, - 30 00	July 27, By cash, Rep. Keyser, charter fee, lodge No. 4, Ky., 30 00
" " T. Wildey, books, 11 00	Oct. 5, " S. Pryor, G. Secretary, balance of account, including \$5.00 counterfeit, 75 13
" " " sundries, 73 15	" 11, " D. G. Sire Neilson, charter fee and per centage, lodge No. 3, Va., 45 00
" " " " 4 87	
Oct 11, balance on hand, - 78 60	
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\$415 62	\$415 62

Grand and Subordinate Encampments under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, reporting this Session.

Grand Encampment of Maryland—3 subordinates, 22 initiations, 154 members, and \$341 00, revenue.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania reports 1 Grand, and 4 subordinate Encampments, but returns no work.

Grand Lodge of New York, reports 2 subordinate Encampments, but returns no work.

Grand Encampment, No. 1, D. C.—22 initiations, 14 members, \$25 50, revenue.

Annual Report of the Grand and Subordinate Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., commencing October, 1834, and ending October, 1835.

LODGES.	Where held.	States.	No. of Lodges.	Initiations.	Suspensions.	Expulsions.	Revenue.	Contributing Members.	Remarks.
G L. of Maryland,	Baltimore,	Md.	19	298	243	5	\$ 5,820 70	1455	No Report.
" New York,	Albany,	N. Y.	10	266	44	4	3,141 61	529	
" Pennsylvania,	Philadelphia,	Penn.	42	447	...	...	12,434 25	3,293
" Dis. of Columbia,	Washington,	D. C.	3	14	12	1	407 92	114	
" Delaware,	Wilmington,	Del.	5	53	2	2	776 46	151	
" Ohio,	Cincinnati,	Ohio.	5	229	...	...	3,817 68	736
" Louisiana,	New Orleans,	La.	2	...	...	...	...	...
" New Jersey,	Trenton,	N. J.	5	26	...	2	577 23	181	
Boon, No. 1,	Louisville,	Ky.	2	47	9	1	1,410 40	128	
Chosen Friends, " 2,	"		2	20	...	...	376 68	30
Virginia, " 1,	Harper's Fr	Va.	3	8	16	...	217 69	31	
Washington, " 2,	Norfolk,		...	...	1	...	38 87	22
Virginus, " 3,	Wheeling,		...	60	2	...	647 50	73	
			96	1478	328	16	\$29,666 99	6743	

Expulsions.

In Maryland.—No. 4, John Reiniken ; No. 6, John Willburn and Samuel Merritt ; No. 17, Wm. Legg and Samuel Goldsmith. Improper conduct.

In New York.—No. 10, James Hathaway, J. W. Ashman, Peter Johnson, W. S. Jewitt, Jesse Casse, Joseph A. Perry, Edward Bell and N. Bacholer ; No. 11, James R. Bogart ; No. 12, Cyrus Hawley, Wm. Shires and Stephen Gremer ; No. 13, Geo. Bachman and S. Haas ; No. 14, George W. Clauer. Improper conduct.

In Delaware.—No. 4, Robert Vince and Oliver Hall. Non-payment of dues.

In New Jersey.—No. 3, Silas Pownell ; No. 4, Daniel H. Combs. Improper conduct.

In Kentucky.—No. 1, James Glascock. Improper conduct.

In Virginia.—No. 1, A. Mickael ; No. 2, P. G. John Clark. Improper conduct.

FORM OF A REPORT

For a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, working under Warrant from the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F.

Quarterly Report of — Lodge, No.—, of the State of — commencing — and ending —, now held at —,

Initiations.	Rejections.	Suspensions.	Cause.	Expulsions.	Cause.	Reinstatements.	Deaths.	Withdrawn by Card.	Admitted by Card.	Contributing Members.	Lodge Receipts.	Remarks.

(Signed)

N. G.

[SEAL.]

V. G.

Sec'y.

FORM OF A REPORT

For a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, working under Warrant from the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F.

Annual Report of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the state of —, I. O. of O. F., to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, commencing —, 18—, and ending —, 18—.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of — is composed of — members, and has under her jurisdiction, — working lodges.

Lodges.	Nos.	Where Held.	County.	Time of Meeting.	Initiation.	Suspensions.	Cause.	Expulsions.	Cause.	P. G. M's.	Contributing Members.	Revenue.	Remarks.

(Signed)

G. M.

G. Sec'y.

[SEAL.]

Names of Officers elected for the present year, &c.

SPECIAL SESSION

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES,

Held at the City of Baltimore, November, 1835.

MONDAY, November 30th, 1835.

The R. W. Grand Lodge was summoned to meet this day, at Odd Fellows' Hall, city of Baltimore, pursuant to an order of the M. W. Grand Sire, for the purpose of considering petitions for charters for lodges, when the following were present:

GEORGE KEYSER,
ROBERT NEILSON,
WILLIAM CROUCH,
P. G. M. JAMES L. RIDGELY,
P. G. ANDREW E. WARNER,
G. M. HENRY S. SANDERSON,

M. W. G. Sire.
R. W. G. Secretary.
W. G. Guardian.
Rep. of Maryland.
Proxy Rep. of Dis. Columbia.
Proxy Rep. of Ohio.

The Grand Secretary presented the credentials of ———, as Proxy Representative* of New York, appointed by Rep. Mowatt, of the Grand Lodge of said state, and the credentials of P. D. G. M. Augustus Mathiot, as Proxy Representative of Delaware, to represent the said Grand Lodges at this Special Session.

The Grand Sire referred the credentials to a special committee, consisting of Rep's Ridgely, of Maryland ; Sanderson, of Ohio ; and Warner, of District of Columbia.

Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland, from the committee to whom was referred the credentials of the Proxy Representatives, reported verbally, that they had examined the credentials referred to them, and found the certificate of the Grand Lodge of Delaware correct, and that P. D. G. M. Mathiot, is entitled to his seat as the Proxy Representative during this Special Session ; but that the certificate from New York, is informal, and cannot be received.

On motion, so much of the report as relates to the Proxy Representative of Delaware, was adopted.

The question then recurred on so much of the report as relates to the Proxy Representative of New York, which was decided in the affirmative ; the yeas and nays were called, and were as follows :

YEAS.—Rep's Ridgely, 2 votes ; Warner, and Sanderson—4.

NAYS.—Rep. Mathiot—1.

Rep. Sanderson, of Ohio, offered a motion that the Grand Lodge proceed to business with the members present.

The Grand Sire declared the motion out of order, and refused to proceed to business on the ground of there not being a constitutional quorum present.

Rep. Sanderson, of Ohio, appealed from the decision of the Chair, and the Grand Sire refused to put the question of appeal on constitutional scruples, there not being a majority of the Grand Lodges represented.

Whereupon, the Grand Sire declared the Grand Lodge adjourned until this night two weeks, and authorized the Grand Secretary again to notify the Representatives thereof.

MONDAY, December 14th, 1835.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment—present, the same Officers and Representatives as at the last meeting.

The Grand Secretary reported that he had again notified the absent Representatives, agreeably to his instructions.

There not being a majority of Grand Lodges represented, the Grand Sire refused to open the Grand Lodge, and declared the Special Session closed, *sine die*.

ROBERT NEILSON, *Grand Secretary*.

* *Proxy Representative*.—The name of the person claiming this appointment is not among the records ; nor could the credentials be discovered ; having, likely, been withdrawn when rejected.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION
OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES,

Held at the City of Baltimore, October, 1836.

MONDAY, October 3d, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge convened this day, at Odd Fellows' Hall, city of Baltimore, being the regular Annual Communication, when the following were present :

JOHN PEARCE,	R. W. D. G. Sire, Presiding.
ROBERT NEILSON,	R. W. G. Secretary.
SATER T. WALKER,	W. G. Chaplain.
SAMUEL LUCAS,	W. G. Marshal.
WILLIAM CROUCH,	W. G. Guardian, and
P. G. Sire THOMAS WILDEY.	

The Grand Secretary presented the credentials of the Representatives of the Several Grand Lodges, viz :

P. G. M. JAMES L. RIDGELY,	Rep. of Maryland.
P. G. M. FREDERICK LEISE,	Rep. of New York.
D. G. Sire JOHN PEARCE,	Rep. of Pennsylvania.
P. G. Sire JAMES GETTYS,	Rep. of District of Columbia.
P. G. M. SAMUEL LUCAS,	Proxy Rep. of Louisiana.
P. G. CHARLES A. ZEITZ,	Proxy Rep. of New Jersey.
P. G. HENRY WOLFORD,	Rep. of Kentucky.

And it appearing that a constitutional quorum was present, the Grand Marshal was directed to examine the Representatives.

The Grand Marshal reported that the Representatives present were duly qualified ; and then, by order of the Grand Sire, proclaimed the Grand Lodge duly opened for the transaction of business.

Prayer, by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Sire appointed G. Secretary Neilson ; P. G. Sire Wildey ; and G. Chaplain Walker, a committee to examine the credentials of the Representatives of the several Grand Lodges.

G. Secretary Neilson, from the committee on credentials, presented the following report :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The committee appointed to examine the certificates of the Representatives of the several Grand Lodges at the present Communication, have performed the duty assigned them, and would beg leave respectfully to re-

port—that they find the certificates of the Representatives of Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania, District of Columbia, New Jersey and Kentucky, made out in due form and properly authenticated.

That appended to the certificate of the Representative from New York, is a communication addressed to the Grand Lodge of the United States, which the committee would beg leave to submit to its consideration.

That the Grand Lodge of Louisiana has failed to forward a separate certificate, but the committee find P. G. M. SAMUEL LUCAS, recognized in their report as regularly appointed their Grand Representative, to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ROBERT NEILSON,
THOMAS WILDEY,
SATER T. WALKER.

Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland, moved that the certificates be read, and passed upon separately, which motion prevailed.

When the Chair reported the Representatives of Maryland, Pennsylvania, District of Columbia, New Jersey and Kentucky, as entitled to their seats,* which was concurred in.

Whereupon, on motion, the credentials of Proxy Rep. Lucas, of Louisiana, were referred to a special committee of five.

The Chair appointed as the committee, Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland; P. G. Sire Wildey; and Rep's Wolford, of Kentucky; Gettys, of District of Columbia; and Zeitz, of New Jersey.

The Chair appointed P. G. Sire Wildey, as D. Grand Sire; and P. G. Sire Gettys, as G. Treasurer, *pro tem*.

The session of the Grand Lodge to-day, was attended by P. G. M. WILLIAM L. OSBORN, P. G. M. DANIEL P. MARSHALL, and G. M. FREDERICK LEISE, of the Grand Lodge of the state of New York.

Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland, moved that a committee be appointed to take into consideration the late proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the state of New York, which was concurred in.

On motion, the Grand Lodge decided that the committee should consist of five,

Whereupon the Chair appointed the following as the committee:

Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland; P. G. Sire Wildey; and Rep's Gettys, of District of Columbia; Zeitz, of New Jersey; and Wolford, of Kentucky.

Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland, presented the following, which was read:

"To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, a committee appointed by a large number of the Past Grands of the Grand Lodge of the state of New York, having learned that brother Frederick

* *Entitled to their seats.*—The proceedings in this case, so far as relates to the Representative of New York, do not appear to have been conducted in conformity to the mode usual with legislative bodies. The committee on credentials had reported the certificates of all the Representatives (New York included,) except Louisiana, as "made out in due form and properly authenticated;" and the minutes show that the brother claiming to represent New York was present in the Grand Lodge, and capable by his rank in the Order to enter upon his duties, but was not permitted to do so. In other similar bodies, when a seat is contested, where the claimant is eligible, and his certificate, as in this case, is "in due form," etc., the custom is to admit him to his seat on organizing, under the *prima facie* evidence furnished by his credentials; and subsequent to the completion of the organization to pass upon the question of his right to retain membership. The order of business here was reversed, as the accredited brother was not permitted to take his seat, although his claim was not decided until the third day of the session.

Leise has presented himself to the Grand Lodge of the United States, as the Representative from the state of New York, beg leave to represent—that the Grand Lodge of the state of New York, at its annual session, adjourned without appointing a Representative; and that the assemblage by which brother Leise claims his authority, was an unconstitutional and illegal meeting of a number of individuals belonging to the Order, and not the act of the Grand Lodge of the state of New York. The undersigned, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of the state of New York, do hereby object to the acknowledgment of brother Leise, as the Representative of the Grand Lodge of the state of New York.

DANIEL P. MARSHALL, }
WILLIAM L. OSBORN, } Committee,

from a part of the P. G's of the Grand Lodge of N. Y.

Baltimore, Oct. 3, 1836."

Rep Ridgely, of Maryland, moved that all the documents on the subject of the Grand Lodge of New York, be referred to the Committee on Reports,* which was decided in the affirmative.

The Grand Secretary presented the following resignation of the R. W. Grand Treasurer, and on motion of Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland, it was laid on the table.

"TO GEORGE KEYSER, ESQ.,
M. W. Grand Sire, and Respected Friend:

In consequence of ill health, I am advised to leave this country for a warmer climate, and expect to sail for Europe on the 24th September next; you will please present this as my resignation of the office of Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of the I. O. of O. F., of the United States. The Grand Representative of this state will hand you the Book of Accounts and vouchers, and the balance due the Grand Lodge, say \$52 52.

With much respect and esteem,
I remain, very respectfully,

CHARLES MOWATT.

New York, 30th August, 1836."

On motion of Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland, the Grand Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning, at nine o'clock.

TUESDAY, October 4th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, the Officers and a due representation.

R. W. D. G. Sire JOHN PEARCE, presiding.

Rep. Gettys, of District of Columbia, moved that the reading of the proceedings of the last Annual Communication be dispensed with, to enable the committee appointed yesterday, to report, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland, from the committee to whom was referred the late proceedings in the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, presented a report relative thereto, which was read.

The presiding officer called P. G. Sire Wildey to the Chair, for the purpose of addressing the Grand Lodge on the above subject, after which he

* *Committee on Reports*—This must be an error; the Committee on Reports made no special allusion to the Grand Lodge of New York in its report submitted, although, with the others, it endorsed the correctness of the report of the Grand Lodge of New York, signed by the same grand officers, and sealed with the same seal, as was the certificate of the Representative. The reference was doubtless intended to the special committee of five just appointed.

moved that the report be re-committed, with instructions to report to-morrow afternoon, which was decided in the affirmative.

Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland, moved that the reading of the proceedings of the last Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, be dispensed with, which was concurred in.

The R. W. D. Grand Sire having resumed the chair, announced the following Standing Committees for the present Session :

On Petitions—Rep's Wolford, of Kentucky ; Ridgely, of Maryland ; and Zeitz, of New Jersey.

On Finance—Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland ; P. G. Sire Wildey ; and Rep. Zeitz, of New Jersey.

On Returns and Reports—Rep's Gettys, of District of Columbia ; Zeitz, of New Jersey ; and P. G. Sire Wildey.

On Correspondence—G. Secretary Neilson ; Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland ; and P. G. Sire Wildey.

On Deferred Business—Rep's Wolford, of Kentucky ; Ridgely, of Maryland ; and Zeitz, of New Jersey.

The Grand Secretary presented the reports of the several Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, which were referred to the Committee on Returns and Reports.

The Grand Secretary presented the following petitions for charters, which were referred to the Committee on Petitions.

From John H. Allen and others, praying for a charter for a lodge to be located at Richmond, Va., and hailed by the title of "Jefferson Lodge, No. 4,"—granted in the recess of the Grand Lodge.

From M. Ruffner and others, praying for a charter for a lodge to be located at Natchez, Miss., and hailed by the title of "Mississippi Lodge, No. 1,"—granted in the recess of the Grand Lodge.

From Samuel L. Miller and others, praying for a charter for a lodge, to be located at the town of Alton, Madison county, Ill., and hailed by the title of "Western Star Lodge, No. 1,"—granted in the recess of the Grand Lodge.

From H. L. Duncan and others, praying for a charter for an Encampment of Patriarchs, to be located at the city of New Albany, Ind., and hailed by the title of "Jerusalem Encampment, No. 1,"—granted in the recess of the Grand Lodge.

From Peter W. Kenaday and others, Past Grands of Virginius Lodge, No. 3, praying for a charter for a Grand Lodge of Virginia, to be located at the city of Wheeling.

From James A. Spalding and others, praying for a charter for a lodge, to be located at the town of Portsmouth, Va., and hailed by the title of "Old Dominion Lodge, No. 5."

The Grand Secretary then presented the following Constitutions and By-Laws of subordinate Encampments and Lodges, which were referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

Constitution of Wildey Encampment of Patriarchs, No. 1, of Ohio.

By-Laws of Virginius Lodge, No. 3, (established at Wheeling, Va.,) of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows—chartered, 1834.

Constitution and By-Laws of Abram's Encampment of Patriarchs, No. 1, I. O. of O. F., of the city of Wheeling ; working under charter of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

The Constitution and By-Laws of New Albany Lodge No. 1, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; chartered October 14, 1835, and opened 4th February, 1836. "Friendship, Love and Truth."

Constitution and By-Laws of Washington Lodge, No. 3, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, established in the town of Covington, Campbell county, Kentucky.

The Constitution and By-Laws of Lorraine Lodge, No. 4, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; chartered October 1, 1835. "Order, Wisdom and Truth."

The Grand Secretary also presented various letters and communications received by him since the last Annual Session, which were referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until three o'clock, this afternoon.

TUESDAY, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, the Officers and a due representation.

Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland, from the special committee to whom was referred the credentials of Proxy Rep. Lucas, of Louisiana, presented the following report, which was adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The select committee to whom was referred the certificate of Proxy Rep. Lucas, of Louisiana, beg leave to report, that they have examined the same, and are of opinion that it is duly attested by the officers of the Grand Lodge of the said state, and within the spirit of the Constitution; they therefore recommend his admission to a seat in this Grand Lodge.

JAMES L. RIDGELY,
THOMAS WILDEY,
HENRY WOLFORD,
JAMES GETTYS,
CHARLES A. ZEITZ.

Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland, moved that the resignation of the Grand Treasurer, together with his book of accounts, be referred to the Committee of Finance, which was concurred in.

Rep. Zeitz, of New Jersey, offered the following resolution, which, on motion of Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland, was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Resolved, That in consideration of the difficulties which the Grand Lodge of the state of New Jersey has had to contend with in its infancy, the payment of the dues, amounting to forty dollars, for the first two years of its charter, be remitted.

The following nominations for the elective Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States, were made in accordance with the demands of the Constitution:

For M. W. Grand Sire.

By Rep. Pearce, of Pennsylvania—P. G. M. Samuel H. Perkins, of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

By Rep. Gettys, of District of Columbia—P. G. M. James L. Ridgely, of the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

By Rep. Zeitz, of New Jersey—P. G. M. John Pearce, of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

For R. W. D. Grand Sire.

By Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland—P. G. M. Frederick Leise, of the Grand Lodge of New York.

For R. W. Grand Secretary.

By Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland—G. Sec'y Robert Neilson, of the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

For R. W. Grand Treasurer.

By Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland—P. G. Andrew E. Warner, of the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

By Rep. Pearce, of Pennsylvania—P. G. Sire Thomas Wildey, of the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland, moved that the subjects of complaint from the brothers in the Western States, be referred to a special committee, with instructions to report as early as practicable, which was concurred in.

Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland, moved that the committee should consist of three, and be appointed by the Chair, which motion prevailed.

Whereupon, the Grand Sire appointed as the committee, Rep's Ridgely, of Maryland; Pearce, of Pennsylvania; and P. G. Sire Wildey.

Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland, from the Committee of Finance, presented the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee of Finance to whom was referred the accounts of the late Grand Treasurer, brother Mowatt, have examined the same, and beg leave to report, that they find his accounts properly stated, and supported by the proper vouchers. He has charged himself with the receipt of \$377 93, and credited himself with the expenditure of \$325 41; leaving a balance of \$52 52—which is presented with his letter of resignation. The committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES L. RIDGELY,
CHARLES A. ZEITZ,
THOMAS WILDEY.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to receive from P. G. Mowatt, late Grand Treasurer, the sum of \$52 52, and to pass to him a receipt in full on behalf of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the resignation of G. Treasurer Mowatt, be and is hereby accepted.

On motion, the report was accepted, and the resolutions adopted.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning, at half-past ten o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, October 5th, 10½ o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, the Officers and a due representation.

The Grand Secretary not being present, the Chair appointed Rep. Wolrd, of Kentucky, to act as Grand Secretary, *pro tem*.

Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland, moved that the committee on the Work of the Order, be continued until the next Annual Communication, which was accurred in.

Rep. Lucas, of Louisiana, moved that the above committee have power fill any vacancy that may occur in their body, which motion prevailed.

The Grand Secretary presented a letter from the M. W. Grand Sire, which was read.

Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland, moved that so much of the same as relates the Grand Lodge be spread upon the journal, which motion prevailed.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:

I am truly sorry to say, that it is impossible for me to attend the meeting of the Grand Lodge of the United States, now in session. I am confined to my room by indisposition, and have been so for the last three days; and from the state of the matter I shall not be able to get out to-day. You will do me a lasting favor to call on me, and let me communicate with you on the business of the Grand Lodge.

With much respect, in F. L. and T., your obt^s serv^t,

GEORGE KEYSER.

By R. NELSON, Grand Secretary."

The Chair called for the reading of the minutes of the proceedings of the Special Session, of the Grand Lodge of the United States, in November 1836, which was accordingly done.

Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland, offered the following resolution, which was accurred in.

Resolved, That the consideration of the minutes of the Special Sessions held since the last Annual Session, be postponed, and that a committee be raised for the purpose of expressing the opinion of the Grand Lodge of the United States, upon the constitutional organization of Special Sessions.*

Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland, moved that the committee should consist of four, and that Rep. Pearce, of Pennsylvania, be Chairman thereof, which was concurred in. Whereupon, the Chair appointed Rep's Pearce, of Pennsylvania; Ridgely, of Maryland; Lucas, of Louisiana; and Wolrd, of Kentucky, the committee.

The Grand Secretary presented the report of Abram's Encampment, at I. Wheeling, Va., which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Reports.

The Grand Secretary presented a protest from P. G's Joseph Metcalfe & others, members of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, against the election of Grand Officers of that body, 12th September, 1836, believing the proceedings to be illegal.

Rep. Pearce, of Pennsylvania, moved that the subject be referred to a select committee of three, to be appointed by the Chair, which was concurred in.

The Chair appointed Rep's Ridgely, of Maryland; Pearce of Pennsylvania; and Zeitz, of New Jersey, as the committee.

* *Report of Special Sessions* - This committee do not appear to have made report on the subject.

Rep. Wolford, of Kentucky, from the Committee on Petitions, presented the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred sundry petitions, beg leave respectfully to report :

That in reference to the prayer of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, praying to be relieved from the payment of forty dollars, due by it to this Grand Lodge for two years, the committee recommend that it be granted, and report a resolution accordingly. The committee also report, that during the recess of the Annual Session of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Sire issued dispensations to Jefferson Lodge, No. 4, located at the city of Richmond, in the state of Virginia; Mississippi Lodge, No. 1, located at the city of Natchez, in the state of Mississippi; Western Star Lodge, No. 1, located at the town of Alton, in the state of Illinois; and Jerusalem Encampment, No. 1, located at the city of New Albany, in the state of Indiana—the fees have been received, and will be paid over to the Grand Treasurer. They have examined the petition of brothers James A. Spalding and others, praying for a charter to open a lodge to be called Old Dominion Lodge, No. 5, to be located at Portsmouth, in the state of Virginia, find it in proper form, and beg leave to report a resolution to grant the prayer of the petitioners. There has also been referred to this committee, a petition from twelve Past Grands of Virginius Lodge, No. 3, in Wheeling, Virginia, praying for a charter for a Grand Lodge in that state. This application being informal, and at variance with the 4th article of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge, the committee ask to be discharged from the consideration of the subject, and report a resolution accordingly.

HENRY WOLFORD,
JAMES L. RIDGELY,
CHARLES A. ZEITZ.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge will and do hereby remit the sum of forty dollars, due by the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, for the two first years of its existence.

Resolved, That the dispensations issued by the Grand Sire, during the recess of the Grand Lodge, to Jefferson Lodge, No. 4, located at the city of Richmond, in the state of Virginia; Mississippi Lodge, No. 1, located at the city of Natchez, in the state of Mississippi; Western Star Lodge, No. 1, located at the town of Alton, in the state of Illinois; and to Jerusalem Encampment, No. 1, located at the city of New Albany, in the state of Indiana, be and the same are hereby ratified and confirmed, and that charters be issued accordingly.

Resolved, That the petition of brothers James A. Spalding and others, praying for a charter to open a lodge to be called Old Dominion Lodge, No. 5, to be located at Portsmouth, Virginia, be and the same is hereby granted.

Resolved, That the Committee on Petitions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition from P. G.'s Peter W. Kenaday and others, praying for a charter for a Grand Lodge of Virginia, and to be located at Wheeling.

On motion, the report was accepted, and the resolutions adopted.

Rep. Pearce, of Pennsylvania, moved that a special committee be appointed to take into consideration the propriety of having a Corresponding Secretary of this Grand Lodge, and to report at the present Communication, which was concurred in.

The Chair appointed as the committee, Rep's Pearce, of Pennsylvania; Gettys, of District of Columbia; and Wolford, of Kentucky.

Rep. Gettys, of District of Columbia, offered the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the amount due this Grand Lodge by the Grand Lodge of District of Columbia, for the years 1834 and 1835, be and the same is hereby remitted.

Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland, from the special committee to whom was referred the protest of P. G's Joseph Metcalfe and others, presented the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The committee to whom was referred the communication of P. G's Joseph Metcalfe and others, of Kentucky, protesting against the election of Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of that state, and asking this Grand Lodge to order a new election in said Grand Lodge, have had the same under consideration and beg leave respectfully to report: That in their opinion it would be improper for this committee to take this subject into consideration without notifying the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, of the protest that has been made against their proceedings, in order that the committee may have the testimony of both parties before them; as well in justice to the parties themselves, as to a just and fair decision of the premises. The committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

JAMES L. RIDGELY,
JOHN PEARCE,
CHARLES A. ZEITZ.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary notify the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, of the protest made against their proceedings, by P. G's Metcalfe and others; and to inform them that the committee will receive any testimony they may have to submit, by transmitting the same to the Grand Secretary.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution adopted.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until three o'clock, this afternoon.

WEDNESDAY, 3, o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, the Officers, and a due representation.

Rep. Gettys, of District of Columbia, moved that the committee on Diplomas, be discharged from the further consideration of the subject, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Gettys, of District of Columbia, then moved that a committee of three be appointed to procure a Diploma and Certificate, as specified in the Proceedings of the last Annual Communication, and that the D. Grand Sire be Chairman, which was concurred in.

The D. Grand Sire appointed in conjunction with himself, P. G. Sire Wiley, and Rep. Lucas, of Louisiana.

Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland, from the special committee, to whom was referred the subject of the late proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New York, presented the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The select committee, to whom was referred the credentials of P. G. M. Frederick Leise, of New York, claiming to be the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of New York, in the Grand Lodge of the United States, together with the proceedings of a number of Past Grands attached to the Grand Lodge of the state of New York, and the protest of P. G. M's Marshall and Osborn, a committee, authorized by the said meeting, remonstrating against the right of P. G. M. Frederick Liese to his seat in this Grand Lodge, as the Representative of the Grand Lodge of the state of New York, beg leave respectfully to report : That they have had that subject under consideration, and have given to it that careful and deliberate reflection to which its great importance to the Order at large, so justly entitles it. Your committee, in the anxious desire to be fully possessed of all the facts connected with the interesting inquiry submitted to them, invited P. G. M. Liese, and P. G. M's Marshall and Osborn to be present at their meetings; from each of whom they received, in the presence of each other, their respective statements, testimony, and the arguments by which they sought to maintain their relative positions. The committee, looking to the general interests of the Order, and its welfare more particularly in New York, have therefore regarded the issue thus presented for their consideration, of such moment, as to induce an ardent hope, that the determination to which they have arrived, will be most cheerfully acquiesced in by the brotherhood of New York, in the same spirit of brotherly love, which has actuated this committee, in their efforts to arrive at the truth, in this important inquiry. It must, and we fondly flatter ourselves that it will be obviously evident to the intelligence of our brethren in New York, that this committee, and the Grand Lodge of the United States, should in our views, can have but a single eye to the welfare of our beloved Order, and to the known and established rules of plain sense, in the determination of any question submitted by the states, to our consideration; and whilst it might, in any inquiry, appear that abstract right sustained one portion of our Fraternity in any step they may have taken; yet, they who profess to be controlled by rules and fundamental regulations, cannot in reason or in conscience be sustained in their abstract rights, if rule and order be departed from in the effort to attain such rights. This decision is a painful one to your committee to make, inasmuch as they will not disguise the fact, (if they be permitted to travel out of the real question before them, and express an opinion upon the merits of the matter,) that so far as they have been informed, there is much equity with the brethren who have elected, or proposed to elect, P. G. M. Liese, as Representative to this Grand Lodge; yet, having a single duty to perform, and that being to determine whether P. G. M. Leise has been constitutionally elected, they feel constrained to say, that they are unanimously of opinion, that he has not been elected by the Grand Lodge of New York, a Representative to this body, because, without going into questions which have been argued before them, and which belong exclusively to the consideration of the state of New York, they consider the extra meeting of the Grand Lodge of New York, of the 20th of August, 1836, as unofficial, as called without competent authority; the term of office of the officer assembling the meeting, having expired, and the Constitution confining his authority by clear construction to his

incumbency, and that consequently all proceedings had under that meeting, and emanating from it, are irregular and not in conformity with the Constitution of that body, or of that of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Your committee avoid expressing an opinion upon the local questions which, unhappily, agitate our brethren in that state; yet, confidently indulge the hope, that as Odd Fellows, knowing and appreciating the principles of that Order, which we all hold so dear, our brethren in New York, who have thus erred in the *form and mode* of improving what they honestly believed would be the result of their efforts, the condition of the Order in that state, will retrace their steps and begin anew their work, thus giving a bright evidence of their attachment to the Order, and affording a living and lasting example of that most important of all duties of Odd Fellows, a cheerful submission to law and order; to the decision of their highest tribunal. The committee beg leave, therefore, to recommend to the Grand Lodge, the adoption of the following resolutions.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES L. RIDGELY,
JAMES GETTYS,
HENRY WOLFORD,
THOMAS WILDEY.

Resolved, by the Grand Lodge of the United States, That the certificate of election of P. G. M. Frederick Leise, as a Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States, from the state of New York, does not, in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, proceed from a constitutional meeting of the Grand Lodge of New York; and that P. G. M. Frederick Leise is not entitled to a seat in this body, as the Representative of the state of New York.*

* *A Constitutional Meeting of the Grand Lodge.*—Owing to a mischance of some kind, the report of the committee, with the resolutions, were mislaid, and could not be found while making up the proceedings for the press, immediately after the close of the session. The chairman of the committee, however, furnished the Grand Secretary with a report and resolutions, varying in form, but substantially the same in import, with those presented by the committee, which were published in *lien*. The original report and resolutions having been subsequently recovered, and spread upon the journal, are now published for the first time. This explanation is deemed necessary to those who may compare and discover a difference between the two versions. The additional report, however, has much value in the explication it affords of the progressive course and mode of reasoning by which the committee reached the conclusion presented in the report submitted; and on which account we take the liberty of presenting an extract embodying its entire purport.

“The Grand Lodge of the state of New York having elected its grand officers at its regular annual meeting, adjourned *sine die*, having failed to qualify the brethren entitled by the suffrage of the Lodge to installation. At a subsequent period, the late Grand Master, P. G. M. Leise, convened the Grand Lodge, opened it, and they as such proceeded to adopt an entire new Constitution—the Grand Lodge was declared moved to the city of New York; and this body take possession of the effects of the Grand Lodge of New York, assemble in the city of New York, and, among other proceedings, elect P. G. M. Leise their Representative, who presents his credentials, claiming his seat in this body as the Grand Representative in the Grand Lodge of the United States, from the Grand Lodge of New York. Nothing can be more obvious than that the adjournment of the Grand Lodge at its session in Albany, *sine die*, was an adjournment until the next stated period of meeting by the Constitution; and even supposing that the emergency produced by the failure to install the officers elect, might have authorized the exercise of sound discretion in calling a special meeting of that body, its functions could not with any propriety have extended beyond providing for the emergency, to wit: the installation of the officers elect; and it may well be doubted even in such a view of the power to call a special meeting, whether the call could properly originate from an individual claiming to be Grand Master, and exercising the powers of that office, whose functions had expired by the constitutional limitation—but for so important a purpose as the adoption of organic law, and fundamental regulations, there can be no doubt of the irregularity of the meeting, and the consequent defective-ness of all subsequent proceedings.”

The excitable character of the controversy which had attained to such importance in the jurisdiction of New York, seems to have prevented its merits from having been fairly understood even by the able committee who had the subject in charge. Time has now softened down every asperity which may have had existence, and the unexampled success the Order has more recently enjoyed within the jurisdiction, has reconciled all parties to the state of things as finally arranged. But in this connection, simple justice to those through whose efforts this season of prosperity was produced, requires a palliatory word or two relative to the occurrences to which allusion is made in the report; and in the expression of which the sentiments of many who were antagonists, are now united. The main point assumed in the reports, is that the meeting of August 20th was “unofficial, called without competent

Resolved, unanimously, That P. G. M's Leise, Marshall and Osborn, be, and they are hereby most respectfully invited to seats in the Grand Lodge room, to witness the proceedings of this body.

On motion, the report was accepted.

The question then reoccurred upon the resolutions as submitted.

Whereupon, Rep. Pearce, of Pennsylvania, moved the postponement of the further consideration of the resolutions, which was decided in the negative, by the following vote; the yeas and nays being called by Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland.

YEAS—Rep's Pearce, 2 votes; and Zeitz—3.

NAYS—Rep's Ridgely, 2 votes; Gettys, Wolford, and P. G. Sires Wildey and Gettys—6.

The question was then taken upon the adoption of the resolutions, which was concurred in.

Rep. Pearce, of Pennsylvania, offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed by this Grand Lodge, to examine into the situation of affairs in the state of New York, to make an effort to adjust the difficulties

authority." This position was attained by first assuming that when the Grand Lodge adjourned on August 5th, it adjourned *sine die*, and next, that the Grand Master holding over, was incompetent to call the Grand Lodge together. It is not our business or purpose to discuss these views, but to present a fact on one branch, and a doctrine on the other, in a different light from that in which they appeared to the committee.

The phrase *sine die*, when taken in connection with the word "adjourned," is a substantive term, with a special meaning; and only used to show when an assemblage has deliberately determined to separate without an intention of meeting again immediately; and the idea is always embodied in the vote. On the occasion of the adjournment alluded to, neither the phrase *sine die*, nor other words of the like import, were embraced in the motion, or stated by the chair; the adjournment was intended merely as a recess for dinner—the Grand Lodge being in the midst of the consideration of a new Constitution, which had been regularly submitted for action six months previously, and about one-half of which had been already adopted. It was not until several minutes after the adjournment was announced, that the Grand Officer who had occupied the chair *pro tem.*, stated that "in the absence of the Grand Master the Grand Lodge cannot again assemble, as there are no rules of order on adjournment for the government of the body." Instantly, the larger portion of the members, among whom was the Grand Master elect, consulted together, and agreed, before leaving the room, to request the Grand Master to re-assemble the Grand Lodge for the completion of the business in hand, as early as practicable; which was complied with, and the Grand Lodge again assembled, after due notice, on the 20th, in greater numbers than at any previous session. A majority of those who afterward protested, were present, using the distinguishing tokens of the Grand Lodge, and participating in the debates and votes. When the session was re-opened, business was resumed at the point it had reached when the adjournment took place. The committee was therefore misinformed of the true character of the proceedings, and of the views entertained by the members on all sides at the time the vote was taken on adjournment.

The anxiety manifested by the committee to conciliate the feeling alive among the brotherhood of New York, and to bring about, if it had been possible at the time, an adjustment of existing difficulties, led to a view on the tenure of office not entirely in consonance with the practice of the Order. The term of the Grand Master was assumed to expire previous to the installation of the successor, by "constitutional limitation." But is it so? Are not all officers in the Order installed for a specified time, and until the installation of their successors? And are not many of them required not to surrender their office unless a fitting successor is chosen? These peculiarities, founded on the very genius of our organization, which abhors and amply provides against the occurrence of a state of nonentity, prevents a positive vacancy from arising in the important offices. Instances have not been rare, in all branches of the Order, from the lowest to the highest, where the presiding officers have continued to exercise the whole powers of office after the expiration of their terms. It is only necessary for our purpose, in elucidation, to refer to the session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, of April, 1840, called, as it will be seen, and presided over, by an officer whose term had expired six months before the session was held. On that occasion, the business was not limited to the installation of officers, but extended to the consideration of "organic law, and the adoption of fundamental regulations." Yet none have expressed a doubt of the perfect legality of the transactions of that session, nor that the Grand Sire, "whose functions had expired by constitutional limitation," in the October previous, did not rightfully continue to exercise the powers of office, by granting dispensations, etc., up to the moment of the installation of his successor. And such, doubtless, would have been the innate powers of his office, even had the Grand Lodge held a session at the appropriate time for installation, and, failing to perform the ceremony, had in good faith adjourned *sine die*.

The adjournment of the Grand Lodge of New York, and the want of power in the Grand Master holding over, were evidently the true grounds of objection, however unfounded, to P. G. M. Leise being entitled to a seat as Representative of New York. No better proof need be desired of an entire absence of personal feeling influencing the result, than that this efficient brother was unanimously elected to the second office of the Grand Lodge on the same day he was refused membership.

the Grand Lodge of that jurisdiction ; and the said committee be directed forthwith in discharge of the duties assigned them, if found necessary.

Ridgely, of Maryland, moved that D. G. Sire Pearce ; P. G. Sire and P. G. Sire Wildey, constitute the committee, which motion passed.

Pearce, of Pennsylvania, moved that the Grand Lodge of Kentucky be furnished with six copies of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States, which was concurred in.

Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of Grand Treasurer, to fill vacancy occasioned by the resignation of brother Mowatt, whereupon, **ANDREW E. WARNER**, of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, was declared unanimously elected.

Then, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of Grand Officer of this Grand Lodge, for the ensuing term.

Ridgely, of Maryland, asked and obtained leave to be excused from attending.

Sire Wildey requested leave to withdraw his name from the list of candidates for Grand Treasurer, which was granted.

Whereupon, the election proceeded, and the Grand Sire declared the Grand Treasurer duly elected, having received a majority of all the votes cast.

Grand Sire—P. G. M. JAMES L. RIDGELY, of Maryland.

Grand Sire—P. G. M. FREDERICK LEISE, of New York.

Grand Secretary—P. D. G. Sire ROBERT NEILSON, of Maryland.

Grand Treasurer—P. G. ANDREW E. WARNER, of Maryland. Then, the Grand Lodge adjourned until eight o'clock, this evening.

WEDNESDAY, 8 o'clock, P. M.

Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

Sire Wildey was called to the Chair, who ordered the Grand Secretary to call the roll of the Grand Lodge, when the following Representatives answered to their names, viz: Rep's Ridgely, of Maryland, District of Columbia ; Lucas ; of Louisiana ; and Wolford, of Kentucky.

There not being a quorum of Grand Lodges represented, the Grand Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning, at ten o'clock.

THURSDAY, October 6th, 10 o'clock, A. M.

Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, the Officers. There not being a constitutional representation present, the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet this afternoon, at three o'clock.

THURSDAY, 3 o'clock, P. M.

Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, the same Representatives as in the morning.

There failing to obtain a quorum, the Grand Lodge adjourned until to-morrow evening.

THURSDAY, 8 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment : Present, the Officers and a due representation.

P. G. Sire Wildey, from the special committee, presented the following report, which was, on motion, accepted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The committee to whom was referred the printing and distribution of the Work of the Order, intrusted to them by resolution of this Grand Lodge at its last Annual Communication, beg leave respectfully to report :— That they have attended to the duty assigned them, and have had fifteen hundred copies of the Charge Books, Degree Books, Encampment Books and Funeral Obsequies, printed on good paper, fair legible type, and done up in a substantial manner, having an eye to economy—all of which they hope will meet with the approbation of this Grand Lodge. They also take pleasure in stating, that the several Grand and subordinate Lodges, and Encampments have been supplied with the new books, and the old ones destroyed, as far as practicable.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS WILDEY, *Chairman.*

Rep. Gettys, of District of Columbia, from the Committee on Returns and Reports, presented the following report, which was accepted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Returns and Reports, to whom was referred the returns and reports of the different Grand and subordinate Lodges and Encampments under this jurisdiction, beg leave respectfully to report :— That they find, upon a careful examination, all are correct.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES GETTYS,
THOMAS WILDEY,
CHARLES A. ZEITZ.

Rep. Gettys, of District of Columbia, moved that the reports of Washington Lodge, No. 3, Covington, Ky., be referred to the Grand Secretary, with instructions to place to the credit of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, the per centage received since the granting of the Grand Charter, which was concurred in.

Rep. Gettys, of District of Columbia, moved that the sum of fifty dollars be paid to brother Andrew E. Warner, on account of the balance due him for the Service of Plate, presented to P. G. Sire Wildey, by this Grand Lodge, and that interest be allowed him on the balance until paid, which was adopted.

P. G. Sire Wildey moved that five hundred copies of the Work of the Order, including the Degrees, with one hundred copies of the Funeral Obsequies, be printed in German, which motion prevailed.

P. G. Sire Wildey, from the Committee of Finance, presented the following report :

W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

Committee of Finance beg leave respectfully to report : That they examined the books of the Grand Secretary, and find that he has regulated the Grand Lodges, Encampments and subordinate Lodges amount of dues and per centage received by him, since the last Communication, amounting to eight hundred and eighty-nine thirty-five and a half cents, (\$889 35½) including a balance of dollars and fifty-two cents, received from late Grand Treasurer

Committee would recommend the payment of the following bills :

Sam Crouch, for preparing books and charters,	-	\$10 00
do. binding proceedings G. L. U. S.	-	7 00
Grand Secretary, for postage, stationery and discount,	-	11 50
Robert Neilson, for printing and binding,	- - -	824 75
Andrew Warner, on account of Plate,	- - -	50 00
Grand Lodge of Maryland, for books,	- - -	15 00
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All which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES L. RIDGELY,
THOMAS WILDEY,
CHARLES A. ZEITZ.

tion, the report was accepted and the bills ordered to be paid. Andrew E. Warner, G. Treasurer elect, was then introduced installed as Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of the United serve the residue of the term. Robert Neilson, from the Committee of Correspondence, presented his report.

W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

Committee of Correspondence to whom was referred the Constitution and By-Laws of subordinates to this Grand Lodge, presented at the Communication, beg leave respectfully to report, that they have examined the Constitution of "Wilkey Encampment of Patriarchs, No. 1, and find it correct, with the exception of having left out the initials Order, "I. O. O. F." at the end of the title; the By-Laws of this Lodge, No. 3, I. O. O. F., Wheeling, Va.;" Constitution and By-Laws of "Abram's Encampment of Patriarchs, No. 1, I. O. O. F., Wheeling, Va.;" the Constitution and By-Laws of "New Albany Lodge, I. O. O. F., New Albany, Indiana;" Constitution of "Washington Lodge, No. 3, I. O. O. F., Covington, Kentucky;" the Constitution and By-Laws of "Lorraine Lodge, No. 4, I. O. O. F., Louisville, Kentucky;" and find them correct. They would therefore offer the following resolution:

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ROBERT NEILSON,
THOMAS WILDEY.

Resolved, That the officers and patriarchs of Wildey Encampment of Patriarchs, No. 1, of Ohio, be directed to add the initials of the Order, "I. O. O. F.," to the title of their Constitution, and on compliance herewith, the same stands approved by this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the Constitutions of Virginius Lodge, No. 3, of Wheeling, Va.; Abram's Encampment, No. 1, of Wheeling, Va.; New Albany Lodge, No. 1, New Albany, Indiana; Washington Lodge, No. 3, Covington, Ky., and Lorraine Lodge, No. 4, Louisville, Ky., be and the same are hereby approved and confirmed by this Grand Lodge.

On motion, the report was accepted, and the resolutions adopted.

The Grand Secretary, under the resolution passed at the last Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, requiring him "to have prepared a full and complete statement of the account of each lodge with this Grand Lodge, from the time of charter granted to this time, and submit the same to the Grand Lodge at its next meeting," reported that he had complied with the requisition so far as he was enabled from the materials in his possession, but owing to the absence of the Grand Treasurer's books, he had been unable to bring up the accounts of the several Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, to the time specified.

On motion, the report was re-committed, with instructions to have the accounts continued to the close of the present Communication, and to be printed with the proceedings.

Rep. Gettys, of District of Columbia, moved that sixty dollars be appropriated to G. Secretary Neilson, as a compensation for his services during the past year, which was concurred in.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That brother P. G. Henry Wolford, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, be authorized to receive all moneys now in the hands of P. G. Samuel L. Miller, of Alton, Illinois, which may have been received by him for charters placed in his charge, by the Grand Secretary, and forward the same to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Rep. Gettys, of District of Columbia, moved that Rep. Wolford, of Kentucky, be authorized to receive the money for the charter of Travellers' Rest Lodge, No. 1, of St. Louis, Missouri, together with the amount of per centage that may be due this Grand Lodge, and forward the same as early as practicable to the Grand Secretary, which was concurred in.

Rep. Gettys, of District of Columbia, moved that fifty charters for subordinate Encampments be printed for the use of this Grand Lodge, which was adopted.

Rep. Wolford, of Kentucky, offered the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That during the recess of the Grand Lodge of the United States, the Grand Sire, D. Grand Sire and Grand Secretary, be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to grant charters to subordinate lodges.

P. G. Sire Wildey moved that when the Grand Lodge adjourns it shall be until the third Monday in May, 1837, which motion prevailed.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned.

ROBERT NEILSON, *Grand Secretary*.

ADJOURNED SESSION
OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES,
Held at the City of Baltimore, May, 1837.

MONDAY, May 15th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge convened this day, at Odd Fellows' Hall, city of Baltimore, pursuant to a resolution adopted at the Annual Communication, 1836, when the following were present :

JOHN PEARCE,	R. W. D. G. Sire, Presiding.
ROBERT NEILSON,	R. W. G. Secretary.
ANDREW E. WARNER,	R. W. G. Treasurer.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN,	W. G. Guardian, <i>p. t.</i>
P. G. M. JAMES L. RIDGELY,	Rep. of Maryland.
D. G. Sire JOHN PEARCE,	Rep. of Pennsylvania, and
P. G. Sire THOMAS WILDEY.	

The Grand Secretary presented the following credentials, viz :

P. G. M. FREDERICK LEISE,	Rep. of New York.
P. G. ISAAC HEFLEY,	Rep. of Ohio.
P. G. M. HENRY S. SANDERSON,	Proxy Rep. of Kentucky.

There not being a constitutional quorum present, the Grand Lodge adjourned until three o'clock, this afternoon.

MONDAY, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment : Present, the same Officers and Representatives as in the morning, except the Representative of Maryland.

There not being a constitutional quorum, D. G. Sire Pearce proposed that a *special deputation* proceed to the District of Columbia, and obtain a representation from that Grand Lodge, which was agreed to. Whereupon, P. G. M. Lieze, of New York, volunteered his services, which were accepted.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned to meet at four o'clock, to-morrow afternoon.

TUESDAY, May 16th, 4 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment ; when the following were present:

JOHN PEARCE,	R. W. D. G. Sire, Presiding.
ROBERT NEILSON,	R. W. G. Secretary.
ANDREW E. WARNER,	R. W. G. Treasurer.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN,	W. G. Guardian, <i>p. t.</i>
P. G. M. JAMES L. RIDGELY,	Rep. of Maryland.
D. G. Sire JOHN PEARCE,	Rep. of Pennsylvania.
P. G. Sire JAMES GETTYS,	Rep. of Dist. Columbia, and
P. G. Sire THOMAS WILDEY.	

Also, the following, whose credentials had not as yet been acted upon.

P. G. M. FREDERICK LEISE,	Rep. of New York.
P. G. ISAAC HEFLEY,	Rep. of Ohio.
P. G. M. HENRY S. SANDERSON,	Proxy Rep. of Kentucky.

The Grand Sire appointed P. G. Sire Wildey, D. Grand Sire, *pro tem.*

The Grand Lodge was then opened with prayer.

The Chair appointed P. G. Sire Wildey, and Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland, a committee to examine the certificates of Representatives, appearing for the first time at this Communication.

Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland, from the committee on credentials, presented the following report, which was adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The committee to whom was referred the credentials of the brethren claiming seats as Representatives in the Grand Lodge of the United States, have examined the credentials of P. G. M. Leise, as Representative of New York ; P. G. M. Sanderson, as Proxy Representative of Kentucky, and P. G. Isaac Hefley, as Representative of Ohio, and beg leave to report—that the certificates of the Representatives of Ohio and Kentucky, are correct ; and that of the brother from New York having been decided as irregular, at the last Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, they ask respectfully to be discharged from the further consideration of that certificate.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES L. RIDGELY,
THOMAS WILDEY.

The Grand Secretary proceeded to read the minutes of the Annual Communication, when Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland, moved the suspension of further reading, which was concurred in.

The Chair appointed Rep. Hefley, of Ohio, on the Committee on Petitions, in place of Rep. Zeitz, of New Jersey, who was absent.

Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland, presented the following order, which was read and concurred in.

Ordered, That the Grand Secretary deliver to the Committee of Correspondence, all letters and documents which he has received touching the interest of the Order in New York, or the integrity of this body, whether addressed to him officially, or individually—provided, in his opinion, he will not be required to violate any injunction of secrecy, or rule of honor, in furnishing any letters addressed to him reflecting upon the integrity of this body.

igely, of Maryland, moved that the Grand Secretary be required on the journal* his reply to the above, which was concurred in. air appointed Rep. Sanderson, of Kentucky, on the Committee on

air appointed Rep. Haffley, of Ohio, on the Committee on Re-Reports.

air appointed Rep. Gettya, of District of Columbia, on the Committee on Deferred Business.

Grand Sire made a verbal report to the Grand Lodge, that no had been transacted by him since the last Session, except as a f the committee on the business of the Order in New York, lld be presented at the proper time.

aderson, of Kentucky, moved that when the Grand Lodge adjourns until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock, which was in.

igely, of Maryland, moved a re-consideration of the above vote, concurred in.

in, the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet at eight o'clock, this eve-

TUESDAY, 8 o'clock, P. M.

and Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, the same d Representatives as in the afternoon.

and Lodge was regularly opened for the t ion of business.

ana, of Louisiana, appeared an

Bya, of District of Columbia, fr i spo mitee to settle was existing in the Order in th of New York, presented

igely, of Maryland, moved that the report be laid on the table, concurred in.

and Secretary presented a communication from the Grand Lodge requesting the past official degrees to be conferred upon Rep. having filled the several offices entitling him to them.

pon, on motion of Rep. Lucas, of Louisiana, P. G. Sire Wildey used to give the necessary instructions.

and Secretary presented petitions from the requisite number of praying for charters for lodges for which dispensations were ng the recess of the Grand Lodge, and the lodgers instituted, on Lodge. No. 6, to be located at Winchester; Union Lodge, : located at Richmond; and Monroe Lodge, No. 8, to be located rgh, Virginia. Also, Alabama Lodge No. 1, to be located at abama; and Wildey Lodge, No. 2, to be located at St. Louis,

on, the several petitions were referred to the Committee on Pe-

* in the journal his reply — This requirement does not appear to have been complied

A petition was presented from Washington Lodge, No. 2; Jefferson Lodge, No. 4; Old Dominion Lodge, No. 5; and Monroe Lodge, No. 8, of Virginia, praying for a charter for a Grand Lodge of Virginia, to be located at Richmond.

A petition was presented from New Albany Lodge, No. 1, and Monroe Lodge, No. 2, of Indiana, praying for a charter for a Grand Lodge of Indiana, to be located at New Albany.

A petition was presented from seven Patriarchs, praying for a charter for an Encampment of Patriarchs, to be located at Covington, Kentucky, and hailed by the title of "Olive Branch Encampment, No. 2."

On motion, the foregoing petitions were referred to the Committee on Petitions.

P. G. M. Leise, of New York, who was present in the Grand Lodge, was called upon for information respecting the Work of the Order, to be printed in German, who reported that it was in progress, and would very shortly be ready for delivery to the lodges.

Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland, called up the report of the committee on the business of the Order in the state of New York, which had been laid on the table, at his instance.

The Grand Secretary made an explanation as to the report of the committee made at the Annual Communication, on the affairs of the Order in the state of New York, and was happy to inform the Grand Lodge, that he had become in possession of the original document, and that it was regularly recorded as originally reported by the committee, which was read.

Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland, offered a substitute for the resolution appended to the report of the committee on the State of the Order in New York.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until nine o'clock, to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, May 17th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, the Officers and a due representation.

Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland, asked leave to withdraw the substitute offered by him yesterday, for the purpose of amending the same, which was determined in the affirmative.

Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland, renewed his substitute, after amending the same, which was read.

Rep. Sanderson, of Kentucky, moved that the substitute be laid on the table, which was concurred in.

Rep. Sanderson, of Kentucky, from the Committee on Petitions, presented the following report, which was accepted, and the resolution adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Petitions have had before them reports of the opening and dedication of Madison Lodge, No. 6; Union Lodge, No. 7; and Monroe Lodge, No. 8, of Virginia, granted in the recess, by authority of

Lodge of the United States—also, of the granting of a charter for g of Alabama Lodge, No. 1, located at Mobile, Alabama; also, Lodge, No. 2, to be located at St. Louis, Missouri—all of which en properly issued, your committee present the following reso-

Respectfully submitted.

**HENRY S. SANDERSON,
JAMES L. RIDGELY,
ISAAC HEFLEY.**

That the issuing of charters to Madison Lodge, No. 6; Union Lodge, Monroe Lodge, No. 8, of Virginia; to Wilkey Lodge, No. 2, located at Missouri, and to Alabama Lodge, No. 1, located at Mobile, Alabama, be is hereby ratified and confirmed.

Anderson, of Kentucky, from the Committee on Petitions, pre-
following report, which was accepted, and the resolutions were

W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

committee on Petitions, to whom was referred several communications: considered the whole, and beg leave to report: That an application has been made by Washington Lodge, No. 2; Jefferson Lodge, No. 3; Union Lodge, No. 5; Union Lodge, No. 7; and Monroe Lodge, No. 9, Virginia, praying for a charter for a Grand Lodge, to be located in the District of Columbia; and the said application is in form, and properly attested, and the committee take pleasure in reporting favorably on said petition. A petition has also been made by seven qualified members of the Order in the State of Kentucky, praying for a charter for an Encampment, to be located in the District of Columbia, and located at Covington, upon which your committee also are gratified to report favorably, and therefore ask leave to submit the following resolutions.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY S. SANDERSON,
JAMES L. RIDGELY,
ISAAC HEFLEY.

That the prayer of the several subordinate lodges for a charter for a new lodge to be located at Richmond, in the state of Virginia, be and the same is granted, and the Grand Secretary is hereby authorized to deliver the same, and to receive from the said lodges the sum of \$100.00 per annum, payable by the Grand Lodge of all arrearsages due by the subordinate lodges.

That the petition of the brethren of Covington, in the state of Kentucky, a charter for an Encampment, to be called "Olive Branch Encampment," located at Covington, Kentucky, be and the same is hereby granted, and secretary is directed to deliver the same.

Anderson, of Kentucky, from the Committee on Petitions, presenting report, which was accepted, and the resolution adopted.

Lodge - The Grand Lodge of Virginia was duly instituted at the city of Richmond, on May 1877, with the following as its first installed Grand Officers, viz.: George A. G. M., Henry T. Clark, R. W. G. Jones, Nathan, R. W. G. Saxe, George M. Saxe, N. Saxe, and D. G. Master, all of Petersburg; and the following as its first officers, viz.: Henry T. Clark, R. W. G. Jones, Nathan, R. W. G. Saxe, George M. Saxe, N. Saxe, and D. G. Master, all of Petersburg.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition of a qualified number of lodges in the state of Indiana, praying for a charter for a Grand Lodge, to be located at New Albany, in the said state, have examined the same, and find it in proper form, and ask leave respectfully to report favorably thereon.

HENRY S. SANDERSON,
JAMES L. RIDGELY,
ISAAC HEFLEY.

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners, praying for a charter to open a Grand Lodge,* to be located at New Albany, Indiana, be and the same is hereby granted, and the Grand Secretary is directed to issue the same upon payment of all arrearages due.

Rep. Sanderson, of Kentucky, offered the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That on application for a state Grand Lodge, the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge inform the Committee on Petitions, whether the dues of the subordinate lodges are all paid up.

Rep. Sanderson, of Kentucky, called up the substitute, laid on the table at his instance.

Rep. Gettys, of District of Columbia, asked leave to withdraw the report offered by him, which was granted.

P. G. Sire Wildey, from the special committee to whom was referred the situation of affairs in the state of New York, presented the following report, which was accepted, and the resolution adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The committee appointed at the Session of this Grand Lodge, October 5th, 1836, to examine into the situation of the affairs of the Order in the state of New York, and to make an effort to adjust the difficulties existing in the Order in that state, and to proceed for that purpose to the state of New York—beg leave to offer the following report:

After the adjournment of the Grand Lodge, your committee addressed a letter to Daniel P. Marshall, of Albany, upon the subject of their appointment, requesting an interview with him and others concerned, in the city of New York. This interview he declined, (see his letter of the 9th January, 1837,) alleging that his official duties in this matter had expired, and he referred your committee to Jacob T. B. Van Vechten, of Albany. With this gentleman, your committee have had no communication.

After having had an extensive communication with the members of the Order of the city of New York, and having seen a printed circular emanating from the members at the city of Albany, your committee have arrived at the opinion, that it is not in their power to adjust the differences, and restore harmony between the members of the city of New York and those of the city of Albany.

* *Open a Grand Lodge*.—The Grand Lodge of Indiana was instituted at New Albany, August 14th, 1837, when the following Grand Officers were installed, to wit: Joseph Barclay, M. W. G. M.; Richard D. Evans, R. W. D. G. M.; Henry H. West, R. W. G. W.; Jared C. Jocelyn, R. W. G. Sec'y; John Evans, R. W. G. Treas.

Your committee will close this communication, by informing the Grand Lodge of the United States, that the subordinate lodges of the city of New York are prosperous far beyond any former example; and also, by offering the following resolution. All of which is respectfully submitted to this Grand Lodge.

JOHN PEARCE,
THOMAS WILDEY.

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from any further consideration of this subject.

Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland, withdrew his substitute for the above resolution.

Rep. Sanderson, of Kentucky, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Rep's Ridgely, of Maryland; Pearce, of Pennsylvania; and Gettys, of District of Columbia, be appointed a committee to inquire into the expediency of forfeiting the charter of the Grand Lodge of the state of New York.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until this afternoon, at three o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment; Present, the Officers and a due representation.

Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland, from the special committee, to whom was referred the subject of forfeiting the charter of the Grand Lodge of New York, presented the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Sanderson, of Kentucky, directing them to inquire into the expediency of annulling the charter of the Grand Lodge of the state of New York, have considered the subject submitted to them, and ask leave respectfully to submit the the following preamble and resolutions for adoption by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES L. RIDGELY,
JOHN PEARCE,
JAMES GETTYS.

Whereas, At the Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, held in the city of Baltimore, on the third day of October, in the year 1836, among other proceedings, P. G. M. Leise, of New York, presented his credentials as Grand Representative from that state, and P. G. M's Marshall and Osborn, by authority of a meeting of some of the members of the Order in said state convened at Albany, did set forth at large the protest and remonstrance of said brethren against the right of P. G. M. Leise to a seat in the Grand Lodge of the United States, which said credentials and protest were respectfully referred to a committee, who having patiently and maturely heard the statements and examined the evidence submitted by the parties at several different meetings of the said committee, did unanimously report at large to the Grand Lodge of the United States, that the body purporting to be the Grand

Lodge of the state of New York, by which the said P. G. M. Leise had been elected, was irregular, its whole proceedings unconstitutional, and that P. G. M. Leise was therefore not entitled to a seat as the Representative from the state of New York; which report, with the accompanying resolutions, was concurred in and adopted by the Grand Lodge of the United States after full deliberation: And, *Whereas*, the body against whose constitutionality as a Grand Lodge, this decision of the Grand Lodge of the United States was solemnly pronounced, has declined and refused obedience to the authority thus unequivocally expressed, has protested by printed circular against the said determination, and has assumed to exercise the functions of a state Grand Lodge in defiance of the decision of the highest department of Odd Fellowship admitted and acknowledged in the United States, has persisted, and doth still persist in working and exercising the powers and jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the state of New York: And, *Whereas*, at the said meeting of the Grand Lodge of the United States, that body with a view to the amicable adjustment of the difficulties which existed in the Order in New York, did appoint a committee from its body, with instructions to proceed to New York if it should be found necessary, for the purpose of making an effort to reconcile the conflicting feelings there known to exist in reference to the local government of the Order, and did adjourn the Annual Session of said body, to meet again in the city of Baltimore on the 15th day of May, to receive the report of the said committee—thereby meaning and intending to suspend its ultimate action upon the affairs of Odd Fellowship in New York, until further advised by the information to be gathered by its committee, and designing to arrest the functions of all and every body, claiming and professing the authority of a state Grand Lodge in said state, till after the Adjourned Session of the 15th of May, 1837: And, *Whereas*, notwithstanding the premises, the body purporting to be the Grand Lodge of New York, at a session held in the city of Albany, did decline and refuse to adhere in good faith to this decision of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and did hastily and unceremoniously expel P. G. M. Leise from the Order, and suspend the functions of all the subordinate lodges meeting in the city of New York, without giving the committee charged with the investigation and reconciliation of the difference, any opportunity to examine or report the evidence as designed to this body—thus exhibiting great insubordination and open disobedience to the authority of this body—therefore in view of the condition and deportment of the Order in New York toward their acknowledged head,

Resolved, by the Grand Lodge of the United States, That the Grand charter of the Grand Lodge, of the I. O. O. F., in the state of New York, is hereby forfeited and annulled; and the Grand Secretary is directed to demand a surrender of the said charter, books, funds, and all documents connected with the Order in said state.

Resolved further, That a committee to consist of ——— members be appointed, whose duty it shall be to repair to the town of Poughkeepsie, in the state of New York, having given at least one month's notice to brother Van Vetchten, of Albany, and brother Leise, of the city of New York, informing them respectively, of the purpose of said committee by authority of this Grand Lodge, to make an effort to re-organize the fraternity in that state, and requesting respectfully their attendance at Poughkeepsie on a day to be designated, and the attendance of all other Past Grands who may feel an interest in the subject—and that brothers Van Vetchten and Leise be also requested by the committee, to cause all the Past Grands in said state to be notified of the meeting of said committee at Poughkeepsie.

Rep. Sanderson, of Kentucky, moved to fill the blank with five, as the number of the committee, which was determined in the negative by the casting vote of the chair.

Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland, moved that the blank be filled with seven, which was adopted.

Rep. Sanderson, of Kentucky, moved a re-consideration of the above vote, which was concurred in.

Rep. Sanderson, of Kentucky, renewed the motion for five, which was adopted.

Rep. Sanderson, of Kentucky, moved that the committee be appointed by the Chair, and that P. G. Sire Wildey be Chairman, which was concurred in.

Chair reported the following as the committee, viz: P. G. Sire
Rep's Gettys, of District of Columbia; Pearce, of Pennsylvania;
f Louisiana; Sanderson, of Kentucky; and Ridgely, of Maryland.
question was then taken on the adoption of the report, preamble,
lutions, which were carried in the affirmative.

Ridgely, of Maryland, offered the following resolution, which was

ed, That the subordinate lodges of the state of New York, be informed by
d Secretary, that they are under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand
the United States, and are required to report accordingly.

Ridgely, of Maryland, offered the following resolutions, which
opted:

1. That the committee heretofore raised in reference to the business of the
New York, be and they are hereby also directed to inquire into the expe-
the appointment of some qualified brother, who shall be charged by this
authority to visit all the states in which Old Fellowship exists in this
once a year, for the purpose of instructing the brethren in the work, and
nding generally its welfare, and who shall also be invested with power under
ispensation to be issued by the Grand Sire, to organize lodges whenever
id constitutional applications shall be made for the same.

2. That the said committee, if they entertain a favorable opinion of the ex-
of this measure, report some plan of providing a suitable and adequate
tion for the services contemplated to be rendered by such brother to the

Sanderson, of Kentucky, moved that in renewing the Grand
harter, for the state of New York, the committee be instructed to
e original Number of said Grand Lodge, which was adopted.

Sanderson, of Kentucky, offered the following resolution, which
sted:

ed, That the committee on the state of New York be authorized to restore the
charter, on satisfactory evidence of a restoration of order in that state, with
and on its face as shall shew its having been annulled this day, and restored
minence.

Grand Secretary presented the following communication, which
motion, accepted.

"IN GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES, }
MAY 17th, 1837. }

W. Grand Sire, Officers and Representatives,
Of the Grand Lodge of the United States:

SEN—I avail myself of the earliest opportunity which has been afforded me
my sincere acknowledgments for the honor conferred upon me by electing
distinguished office of Grand Sire of the United States, and while I am proud
fidence of the brethren, thus manifested, in my zeal and devotion to the inter-
Order, I am compelled to forego the pleasure and satisfaction I should de-
the acceptance of the important trust confided to me, and must therefore
respectfully to decline the acceptance of the office of Grand Sire of the
ates

I am very respectfully,
In F. L. and T.,
Your obedient servant,

JAMES L. RIDGELY,
Rep. of Maryland."

Subordinate Lodges.—It will be seen by reference to the report of the Committee on
the next session, that the lodges located in the city of New York made report as required,
and of the city failed in doing so.

The Grand Secretary presented a communication from the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, requesting information relative to the formation and mode of operating Degree Lodges.

Whereupon, Rep. Pearce, of Pennsylvania, moved that the Grand Secretary be requested to give the necessary information on the above subject, which motion prevailed.

The Grand Secretary presented the following bills, which were read and ordered to be paid :

D. G. Sire Pearce, travelling expenses from Philadelphia to the city of New York, Paterson, N. J., and back,	\$26 00
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P. G. M. Leise, travelling expenses from Baltimore to Washington, Georgetown, and back.	7 50
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Rep. Pearce of Pennsylvania, moved that the Keeper of the Hall receive the sum of five dollars, for his services during the present sessions, which was concurred in.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until eight o'clock, this evening.

WEDNESDAY, 8 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, the Officers and a due representation.

The Chair directed the Grand Secretary to charge the constitutional fine against all Representatives of Grand Lodges, who were not present on the first day of the present session of the Grand Lodge.

Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland, moved that Rep. Lucas, of Louisiana, be excused, from the fact of his being three hundred miles from the city on that day, which was concurred in.

The Grand Secretary read a letter from P. G. Z. B. Glazier, Rep. of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, making an apology for his absence at the present Communication.

Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland, offered the following resolution, which was concurred in :

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of the United States pay the expenses of the committee of visitation to New York State, and that said committee if successful in re-organizing the Order in New York, stipulate with the Order there for re-imbursing the same to this Grand Lodge.

In consequence of the resignation of the Grand Sire elect, the Grand Lodge proceeded to receive nominations for that office, when Rep. Pearce, of Pennsylvania, presented the name of P. G. M. Samuel H. Perkins, of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

No other nomination being made, Rep. Lucas, of Louisiana, moved that the Grand Lodge go into the election for Grand Sire, which was concurred in.

On counting the ballots, P. G. M. SAMUEL H. PERKINS, of Pennsylvania, was declared *unanimously* elected to the office of M. W. Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the United States, for the ensuing two years.

On motion of Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland, the Grand Lodge then closed the Session.

ROBERT NEILSON, *Grand Secretary*.

and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, in account current
the Grand Lodge of the United States, from the time of its organ-
ization to the year 1836, inclusive.

GRAND LODGE OF MARYLAND.				Cs.
Expenses,	\$ 7 56	1824, By cash,		\$ 7 56
do.	5 13	1825, do.		5 13
do.	4 62	1826, do.		4 62
do.	12 31	1827, do.		12 31
do.	18 25	1828, do.		18 25
do.	12 00	1829, do.		12 00
do.	14 81	1830, do.		14 81
do.	90 25	1831, do.		90 25
do.	98 00	1832, do.		98 00
do.	40 00	1833, do.		40 00
do.	40 00	1834, do.		40 00
do.	40 00	1835, do.		40 00
do.	40 00	1836, do.		40 00
	<u>\$942 93</u>			<u>\$942 93</u>

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Cs.

Expenses,	\$ 7 50	This Grand Lodge has ceased to exist,
do.	5 40	and it does not appear that any thing has
do.	5 15	ever been received from it.
do.	33 39	
do.	68 07	
do. and for grand vis-	107 00	[Note.—The estimate of expenses in
itation,	11 25	this and the other Grand Lodges that fol-
do.	12 00	low, include the amounts paid for books,
		which have been regularly accounted for
	<u>\$949 76</u>	to the Grand Lodge of Maryland.]

GRAND LODGE OF NEW YORK.

Cs.

Expenses of this and preceding	1825, By cash,	\$29 21	
year,	1826, do.	14 66	
do.	16 62	1827, do.	22 67
do.	21 06	1828, do.	42 63
do.	42 63	1829, do. remitted by resolution	
do.	13 00	of Grand Lodge,	58 06
do.	11 06	do.	20 00
do.	16 00	1830, do.	20 00
do.	18 00	1831, do.	20 00
do.	20 00	Balance due,	20 00
do.	20 00		
do.	20 00		
	\$237 57		\$237 57

GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Cs.

Expenses,	\$ 9 56	1825, By cash,	\$23 57
do.	14 13	1826, do.	15 74
do.	15 62	1827, do.	22 31
do.	22 31	1828, do.	27 25
do.	27 25	1829, do.	52 50
do.	52 50	1830, do.	27 00
do.	27 00	1831, do.	56 00
do.	26 00	1832, do.	40 00
do.	30 00	1833, do.	40 00
do.	40 00	1834, do.	40 00
do.	40 00	Balance due,	40 00
do.	40 00		
do.	40 00		
	<u>\$344 37</u>		<u>\$344 37</u>

Statement Continued.

GRAND LODGE OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.				Cr.
Dr.	1828, To grand charter, . . .	\$30 00	1828, By cash for charter, . . .	\$30 00
	1829, expenses, . . .	11 25	1830, do.	18 25
	1830, do.	7 00	1834, do.	51 56
	1831, do.	17 56	1836, do. remitted by resolution	
	1832, do.	17 00	of Grand Lodge, . . .	40 00
	1833, do.	17 00	—, do.	20 00
	1834, do.	20 00		
	1835, do.	20 00		
	1836, do.	20 00		
		<u>\$159 81</u>		<u>\$159 81</u>
GRAND LODGE OF DELAWARE.				Cr.
Dr.	1833, To grand charter, . . .	\$30 00	1833, By cash for charter, . . .	\$30 00
	1834, expenses, . . .	20 00	1835, do.	30 00
	1835, do.	20 00	Balance due, . . .	30 00
	1836, do.	20 00		
		<u>\$90 00</u>		<u>\$90 00</u>
GRAND LODGE OF OHIO.				Cr.
Dr.	1832, To grand charter, . . .	\$30 00	1832, By cash for charter, . . .	\$30 00
	1833, expenses, . . .	17 00	1834, do.	40 00
	1834, do.	20 00	Balance due, . . .	37 00
	1835, do.	20 00		
	1836, do.	20 00		
		<u>\$107 00</u>		<u>\$107 00</u>
GRAND LODGE OF LOUISIANA.				Cr.
Dr.	1832, To grand charter, . . .	\$30 00	1832, By cash for charter, . . .	\$30 00
	1833, expenses, . . .	17 00	1834, do.	37 00
	1834, do.	20 00	Balance due, . . .	40 00
	1835, do.	20 00		
	1836, do.	20 00		
		<u>\$107 00</u>		<u>\$107 00</u>
GRAND LODGE OF NEW JERSEY.				Cr.
Dr.	1833, To grand charter, . . .	\$30 00	1833, By cash for charter, . . .	\$30 00
	1834, expenses, . . .	20 00	1836, do. remitted by resolution	
	1835, do.	20 00	of Grand Lodge, . . .	40 00
	1836, do.	20 00	Balance due, . . .	20 00
		<u>\$90 00</u>		<u>\$90 00</u>
GRAND LODGE OF KENTUCKY.				Cr.
Dr.	1835, To grand charter, . . .	\$30 00	1836, By cash,	\$20 00
	1836, expenses, . . .	20 00	Balance due, . . .	30 00
		<u>\$50 00</u>		<u>\$50 00</u>
VIRGINIA LODGE, No. 1, HARPER'S FERRY, VA.				Cr.
Dr.	1833, To charter,	\$30 00	1833, By cash for charter, . . .	\$30 00
	1834, per centage on reports, . . .	32 72	1834, do. per centage, . . .	32 72
	1835, do. do.	46 46	1835, do. do.	46 46
	1836, do. do.	21 91	—, do. for G. Lodge charter, . . .	30 00
	Balance due,	18 19	1836, do. per centage, . . .	10 10
		<u>\$149 28</u>		<u>\$149 28</u>

Statement Continued.

WASHINGTON LODGE, No. 2, NORFOLK, VA.				Cr.
To charter, - - -	\$30 00	1833, By cash for charter, - -	\$30 00	
per centage on reports, 29 30	1835, do. - - - -		40 00	
do. do. 3 80	1836, do. - - - -		10 00	
do. do. 19 41		Balance due, 2 51		
	\$82 51		\$82 51	
VIRGINIUS LODGE, No. 3, WHEELING, VA.				Cr.
To charter, - - -	\$30 00	1835, By cash for charter, - -	\$30 00	
per centage on reports, 64 75	1836, do. - - - -		15 00	
do. do. 25 00	1836, do. - - - -		25 00	
		Balance due, 49 75		
	\$119 75		\$119 75	
JEFFERSON LODGE, No. 4, RICHMOND, VA.				Cr.
To charter, - - -	\$30 00	1835, By cash for charter, - -	\$30 00	
per centage on reports, 32 94	1836, do. - - - -		32 94	
	\$62 94		\$62 94	
IOWA LODGE, No. 1, MINERAL POINT, Iowa.				Cr.
To charter, - - -	\$ 30 00	1835, By cash for charter, - -	\$ 30 00	
per centage on reports, 112 40	1836, do. - - - -		112 40	
	\$142 40		\$142 40	
NEW ALBANY LODGE, No. 1, NEW ALBANY, Ind.				Cr.
To charter, - - -	\$30 00	1836, By cash for per centage, \$79 00		
per centage on reports, 80 57		Balance due, 31 57		
	\$110 57		\$110 57	
COLUMBIA ENCAMPMENT, No. 1, WASHINGTON, D. C.				Cr.
To charter, - - -	\$30 00	1834, By cash for charter, - -	\$30 00	
per centage on reports, 25 83	1836, do. - - - -		10 00	
do. do. 7 17		Balance due, 23 00		
	\$63 00		\$63 00	
MONROE LODGE, No. 2, MADISON, Ind.				Cr.
To charter and per centage, \$45 49				
WILDEY ENCAMPMENT, No. 1, CINCINNATI, Ohio.				Cr.
To charter, - - -	\$ 30 00	1834, By cash on per centage, \$ 50 00		
per centage on reports, 160 13	1836, do. do. 110 13			
		Balance due, 30 (x)		
	\$190 13		\$190 13	
MT HOREB ENCAMPMENT, No. 1, LOUISVILLE, Ky.				Cr.
To charter, - - -	\$30 00	1836, By cash on reports, - -	\$53 33	
per centage on reports, 53 38		Balance due, 30 05		
	\$83 38		\$83 38	
ABRAM'S ENCAMPMENT, No. 1, WHEELING, VA.				Cr.
To charter, - - -	\$30 00	1835, By cash for charter, - -	\$30 00	
per centage on report, 12 00	1836, do. on per centage, 10 00			
		Balance due, 2 00		
	\$42 00		\$42 00	

Amount of Money received by the Grand Secretary since the last Annual Communication.

Charter of Jefferson Lodge, No. 4, Richmond, Va.	- - - -	\$30 00
2 quarters from Virginia Lodge, No. 1, Harper's Ferry, Va.	- - - -	10 10
1 do. New Albany Lodge, No. 1, New Albany, Ind.	- - - -	44 00
1 do. Iowa Lodge, No. 1, Mineral Point, Iowa,	- - - -	70 00
1 do. do do do.	- - - -	42 00
2 do. Virginius Lodge, No. 3, Wheeling, Va.	- - - -	25 00
Charter of Western Star Lodge, No. 1, Alton, Ill.	- - - -	30 00
Dues from Wildey Encampment, No. 1, Cincinnati, O.	- - - -	110 12
Charter of Jerusalem Encampment, No. 1, New Albany, Ind.	- - - -	30 00
6 quarters Washington Lodge, No. 3, Covington, Ky.	- - - -	64 34
Charter of Old Dominion Lodge, No. 5, Portsmouth, Va.	- - - -	30 00
1 quarter New Albany Lodge, No. 1, New Albany, Ind.	- - - -	35 00
2 do. Jefferson Lodge, No. 4, Richmond, Va.	- - - -	32 94
Grand Lodge of Kentucky,	- - - -	20 00
2 sessions Mt. Horeb Encampment, No. 1, Louisville, Ky.	- - - -	53 33
1 do. Abram's Encampment, No. 1, Wheeling, Va.	- - - -	10 00
From C. Mowatt, late Grand Treasurer,	- - - -	52 52
Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia,	- - - -	20 00
Columbia Encampment, No. 1, Washington, D. C.	- - - -	10 00
Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania,	- - - -	40 00
New Jersey, for Service of Plate,	- - - -	15 00
G. Sire Keyser, grand charter, Harper's Ferry, Va.	- - - -	30 00
do. charter Mississippi Lodge, No. 1, Natchez, Miss.	- - - -	30 00
Grand Lodge of Maryland,	- - - -	40 00
Washington Lodge, No. 2, Norfolk, Va.	- - - -	15 00
		\$889 35

Dr. GRAND LODGE of U. S., in account with A. E. WARNER, G. Treas. Cr.

1836.	1836,
To Cash, Wm. Crouch, prep. books and	By cash from G. Secretary, \$889 35
charters, - - \$10 00	
" do. binding pro-	
ceedings Grand Lodge	
of United States, 7 00	
" G. Secretary, postage, &c. 11 50	
" do. salary, - 60 00	
" for Service of Plate, by	
resolution, - - 50 00	
" do. do. from	
New Jersey, - 15 00	
" Grand Lodge of Mary-	
land, for books, 15 00	
" Sands & Neilson, on ac-	
count, for printing, 720 85	
\$889 35	\$889 35

Grand and Subordinate Encampments under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, reporting this Session.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania reports 1 Grand and 4 subordinate Encampments—\$337 88 revenue.

Grand Lodge of New York reports 2 subordinate Encampments, but returns no work.

Columbia Encampment, No. 1, D. C.—5 initiations, 6 suspensions, 13 members, \$71 75 revenue.

Wilkey Encampment, No. 1, Ohio,—\$1,645 62 revenue from the opening to July, 1836.

Mt. Horeb Encampment, No. 1, Kentucky—21 initiations, 36 members, \$533 87 revenue.

Abram's Encampment, No. 1, Virginia—8 initiations, \$120 00 revenue.

Annual Report of the Grand and Subordinate Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., commencing October, 1835, and ending October, 1836.

LODGES.	Where held.	States.	No. of Lodges.	Initiations.	Suspensions.	Expulsions.	Revenue.	Contributing Members.	Remarks
G. L. of Maryland,	Baltimore,	Md.	21	331	148	95	\$ 6,543 97	1397	No Report.
" New York,	New York,	N. Y.	13	211	16	19	4,162 41	754	
" Pennsylvania,	Philadelphia,	Penn.	50	331	2	3	12,882 47	3106	
" Dis. of Columbia,	Washington,	D. C.	3	30	14	8	560 60	104	
" Delaware,	Wilmington,	Del.	4	...	...	...	...	...
" Ohio,	Cincinnati,	Ohio.	5	155	108	...	3,759 32	653	
" Louisiana,	New Orleans,	La.	2	87	37	5	2,332 92	98	
" New Jersey,	Trenton,	N. J.	5	94	17	9	607 31	144	
" Kentucky,	Louisville,	Ky.	4	139	...	...	3,874 87	279
Virginia, No. 1,	Harper's Fr.	Va.	7	2	2	...	219 13	37	
Washington, " 2,	Norfolk,		24	...	1	...	487 18	90	
Virginia, " 3,	Wheeling,		18	...	1	...	250 00	...	
Jefferson, " 4,	Richmond,		16	...	...	...	329 43	41
New Albany, " 1,	New Albany,	Ind.	41	...	...	...	805 75	47
Monroe, " 2,	Madison,		13	...	1	...	154 94	21	
Iowa, " 1,	Mineral Point,	I. T.	1	64	...	...	1,124 00	78
			114	1501	344	64	\$35,094 30	6819	

Expulsions.

In Maryland.—No. 3, nineteen for non-payment of dues; and No. 16, one; No. 19, two; No. 22, one; No. 24, one; No. 25, one. Improper conduct. No names reported.

In New York.—No. 10, George H. Fulkerson, for withholding money; Charles Ward, Charles Barclay, Charles McCaulay, William Morrison, Lorin Brooks, William Ackerman, Edward McLaughlin, Stephen Shorn, Henry Krippes, William Manley, Charles Frank, J. Bradford, Christopher O. Sickles, J. Bannister, P. G., and John Meyers, non-payment of dues for twelve months; No. 14, C. Struckman, breach of confidence; John Stuff, non-payment of dues; No. 16, one. Name not given.

In Pennsylvania.—No. 4, one; No. 24, one; and No. 29, one. Improper conduct. Names not given.

In District of Columbia.—No. 4, eight, non-payment of dues. Names not given.

In Louisiana.—No. 1, William Cowell and B. F. Davenport, improper conduct, and thirty-five names not given; No. 2, two. Names not given.

In Ohio.—No. 1, thirty-nine; No. 2, thirty-two; No. 3, twenty-nine; No. 4, eight. Non-payment of dues. Names not given.

In New Jersey.—No. 3, one; No. 4, one. Improper conduct. Names not given.

In Virginia.—No. 1, James Murlatt, improper conduct, and one non-payment of dues, name not given; No. 2, John Wilson; No. 3, William Noble. Improper conduct.

In Indiana.—No. 2, one. Name or cause not given.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION
OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES,

Held at the City of Baltimore, October, 1837.

MONDAY, October 2d, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge convened this day, at Odd Fellows' Hall, city of Baltimore, being the regular Annual Communication, when the following were present :

THOMAS WILDEY,	M. W. G. Sire, <i>p. t.</i>
AUGUSTUS MATHIOT,	R. W. D. G. Sire, <i>p. t.</i>
ROBERT NEILSON,	R. W. G. Secretary.
ANDREW E. WARNER,	R. W. G. Treasurer.
SATER T. WALKER,	W. G. Chaplain.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN,	W. G. Guardian.

The Grand Secretary presented the certificates of the Representatives of the several Grand Lodges, viz :

P. G. M. JAMES L. RIDGELY,	Rep. of Maryland.
P. G. M. HOWELL HOPKINS,	Rep. of Pennsylvania.
G. M. ZENAS B. GLAZIER,	Rep. of Delaware.
P. G. JOHN F. BARNES,	Rep. of Louisiana.
P. G. HENRY C. BOSWELL,	Rep. of New Jersey.
P. G. M. HENRY S. SANDERSON,	Proxy Rep. of Kentucky.
P. G. WILLIAM S. SMITH,	Rep. of Virginia.

It appearing that a constitutional quorum was present, the D. Grand Sire was directed to examine the Representatives.

The D. Grand Sire reported, that the Representatives were duly qualified ; and then by order of the Grand Sire, proclaimed the Grand Lodge duly opened for transaction of business.

After an address to the Throne of Grace, by the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Sire appointed Rep's Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, and Ridgely, of Maryland, a committee to examine the credentials.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, from the committee to whom was referred the credentials, presented the following report, which was accepted, and the Representatives acknowledged.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee appointed to examine the credentials of the Representatives from the several Grand Lodges, have had the same under consideration,

respectfully report: That the credentials from Maryland, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Louisiana, New Jersey, Kentucky and Virginia, are found correct.

HOWELL HOPKINS,
JAMES L. RIDGELY.

Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland, moved that the Grand Lodge proceed to election of a Grand Sire, *pro tem.*, which was concurred in.

P. G. Sire Wildey was nominated by Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland.

The Chair appointed Rep's Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, and Glazier, of Delaware, as the tellers; who, after counting the ballots, reported that G. Sire THOMAS WILDEY, received the unanimous vote of the Grand Lodge.

Rep. Sanderson, of Kentucky, presented a certificate and other documents from sundry lodges in the state of New York, and moved their remittance to the committee heretofore appointed on the State of the Order in New York, which motion prevailed.

The Grand Secretary proceeded to read the proceedings of the Adjourned Session in May last, when Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland moved to discontinue with reading the same, until Wednesday afternoon, at three o'clock, which was decided in the affirmative.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, offered the following resolution, which was read and laid on the table.

Resolved, That the 4th rule of Order be rescinded, and that for the future, the minutes of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge shall be read and approved before the opening of the Session of the Grand Lodge.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, offered the following preamble and resolution, which was adopted.

Whereas, Rep. Gettys, of District of Columbia, one of the committee appointed at the May Session of this Grand Lodge, had been prevented from attending the meeting thereof to be held at Poughkeepsie, the committee had called to their aid, Rep. Glazier, of Delaware, who proceeded with them to the town of Poughkeepsie; Therefore,

Resolved, That the act of the committee be approved, and Rep. Glazier, of Delaware, be considered a member of the committee.

The Chair announced the following, as the Standing Committees for the present Communication:

On Finance—Rep's Hopkins, of Pennsylvania; Ridgely, of Maryland; and Bowtell, of New Jersey.

On Petitions—Rep's Sanderson, of Kentucky; Glazier, of Delaware; and Smith, of Virginia.

On Reports—Rep's Hopkins, of Pennsylvania; Smith, of Virginia; and Barnes of Louisiana.

On Correspondence—Rep's Ridgely, of Maryland; Hopkins, of Pennsylvania; and Sanderson of Kentucky.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until four o'clock, this afternoon.

MONDAY, 4 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, the Officers and a constitutional quorum of Representatives.

The Grand Lodge was regularly opened for the transaction of business.

Rep. Boswell, of New Jersey, asked leave of absence until to-morrow afternoon, which was, on motion, granted.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, moved that the Grand Lodge now proceed to the installation of Grand Officers, which, after consultation, was postponed until to-morrow morning, at ten o'clock.

Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland, from the committee on the Work of the Order, stated, that they would be prepared to report to-morrow morning.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, from the committee on the State of the Order in New York, presented a report, which was read, and on motion of Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland, re-committed with instructions.

Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland, offered the following, which was unanimously concurred in:

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to prepare and present to this Grand Lodge, resolutions expressive of the profound regret felt by this Grand Lodge for the death of P. G. M. George Keyser, late Grand Sire* of I. O. O. F., of the United States, and of the respect entertained for the memory of the deceased.

The Grand Sire appointed as the committee, Rep's Ridgely, of Maryland; Hopkins, of Pennsylvania; Smith, of Virginia; Glazier, of Delaware; and Barnes, of Louisiana.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, presented the following report, which was on motion of Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland, concurred in:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, to whom a special deputation had been issued by the M. W. Grand Sire, to open a Special Encampment at the city of Trenton, state of New Jersey, for the purpose of conferring degrees on brothers of the Order there, respectfully reports: That by virtue of the authority, and in obedience to the direction given him, he called to his aid a number of the patriarchs of the city of Philadelphia, and with them proceeded to the city of Trenton, and opened a Special Encampment there—received application for and conferred the Encampment, Patriarchal, Golden Rule and Royal Purple Degrees, upon eight deserving brothers, viz: Wm. C. Branin, Samuel C. Scattergood, Wm. R. McKean, Henry C. Boswell, Thomas Ashmore, Richard Campbell, John McCully and Richard Brandt—after conferring these degrees on the above named brothers, and giving to them all instructions in relation to the duties they would have to perform as patriarchs—and that the Grand Lodge of the United States would expect an application for a warrant to open an Encampment, the undersigned proceeded to close the Special Encampment opened by virtue of the authority conferred on him as above recited.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HOWELL HOPKINS.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, then presented a petition from patriarchs William C. Branin and others, named in his report, praying for an

*George Keyser, late Grand Sire.—The demise of this distinguished brother occasioned deep and abiding sorrow throughout the fraternity. To whomsoever he was known, he was endeared by the recollection of an entire devotion to the principles of the Order; a capable and active mind, highly informed in all that related to its interests and welfare, and whose just conception of the duties of his office, rendered him a fit example for his successors. His death occurred on the 19th September, 1837, at the age of fifty-three years.

ment of Patriarchs, to be located at Trenton, New Jersey, and as "Trenton Encampment, No. 2."

motion, the petition was referred to the Committee on Petitions. motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until ten o'clock, to-morrow.

TUESDAY, October 3d, 10 o'clock, A. M.

Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, the Officers and representation.

Grand Lodge was duly opened for the transaction of business. Sanderson, of Kentucky, from the Committee on Petitions, presented the following report.

R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition of a brother of qualified patriarchs of the state of New Jersey, praying for a charter for an Encampment of Patriarchs, to be called "Trenton Encampment, No. 2," and to be located at Trenton, New Jersey, have examined the petition and find it in proper form, and ask leave to report favorably.

HENRY S. SANDERSON,
WILLIAM S. SMITH,
ZENAS B. GLAZIER.

and, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that the Grand Secretary be directed to issue a charter upon payment of the usual charges.

motion, the report was accepted and the resolution adopted.

Brother JOHN MILLS, Rep. of District of Columbia, presented his certificate, which was referred to the committee on credentials.

Brother HOPKINS, of Pennsylvania, from the committee on credentials, presented the certificate of Rep. Mills, of District of Columbia, as correct, which was accepted.

Brother MILLS, of District of Columbia, appeared and took his seat.

Brother RIDGELY, of Maryland, from the committee to whom was referred a resolution announcing the death of the late G. Sire Keyser, presented a moving report, which was read and unanimously concurred in.

R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

committee, to whom the subject was referred, ask leave unanimously to report for the adoption of the Grand Lodge, the following proceedings:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, has learnt with the most sincere regret, that our well beloved brother, the M. W. P. G. M. GEORGE KEYSER, of the State of the United States, has departed this life during the vacation of the Grand Lodge, and deeply deploring, in common with the entire fraternity which we represent, the great loss which this Order has sustained in this dispensation of Providence, and in the respect which this body entertains for his distinguished services to the Order of Odd Fellowship, and the regard which we feel for his private worth. Therefore, Resolved, That the Grand Lodge is profoundly sensible of the loss which the Order of Odd Fellowship has sustained in the death of its late worthy Grand Sire, George Keyser, and sympathizes with the friends of the deceased, his fellow citizens at large, and the Order of Odd Fellows, for the bereavement which has thus befallen them.

Resolved, As a testimony of the regard which this Grand Lodge entertains for the able efforts of our departed brother, in the advancement of the cause of Odd Fellowship, and in token of our esteem for his private worth, the Chair of the Grand Sire hung in mourning during the Session.

Resolved, That the Officers and Representatives of this Grand Lodge wear the usual badge of mourning during the Session.

Resolved, That a copy of these proceedings, under the seal of the Grand Lodge, subscribed by the committee and transmitted to the friends of the deceased.

Resolved, That these proceedings be spread upon the journal.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES L. RIDGELY,
HOWELL HOPKINS,
ZENAS B. GLAZIER,
WILLIAM S. SMITH,
JOHN F. BARNES.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, moved that the Grand Lodge now proceed to the installation of Grand Officers, which was concurred in.

Whereupon, the Grand Sire appointed Rep's Hopkins, of Pennsylvania and Ridgely, of Maryland, to introduce the Grand Officers elect for the purpose, which was done in the following order:

P. G. M. SAMUEL H. PERKINS,	M. W. Grand Sire.
P. G. M. FREDERICK LEISE,	R. W. D. Grand Sire.
P. D. G. Sire ROBERT NEILSON,	R. W. Grand Secretary.
P. G. ANDREW E. WARNER,	R. W. Grand Treasurer.

The M. W. Grand Sire, on taking his seat made a few pertinent remarks, complimentary to the Grand Lodge, which was received with sentiments of respect.

The Grand Sire then made the following appointments, which were confirmed by the Grand Lodge; who were duly installed, viz:

P. G. C. SATER T. WALKER,	W. G. Chaplain.
P. G. GOTLEIB F. BUHRE,	W. G. Guardian.
P. G. JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN,	W. G. Messenger.

The Grand Secretary presented various letters and documents received by him in his official capacity, during the recess of the Grand Lodge which were, on motion, referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, moved that the committee on the part of the Order in New York, report this afternoon, which was determined the negative.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, moved that the Committee of Correspondence be required to answer all letters and communications, during recess of the Grand Lodge, received by the Grand Secretary, which, after some debate had thereon, was withdrawn.

Rep. Smith, of Virginia, moved that the Grand Secretary receive a compensation for his services.

Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland, moved that the whole subject be referred to a select committee, which motion prevailed.

The Grand Sire named as the committee, Rep's Ridgely, of Maryland, Smith of Virginia; and Hopkins, of Pennsylvania.

Rep. Barnes, of Louisiana, read to the Grand Lodge a letter he had received from the Grand Master of his state, setting forth the desirability

produced in the city of New Orleans, by the epidemic prevailing there, and the consequent distress in which the Order was involved ; amid which they had raised a sufficient fund to open a temporary hospital for destitute brethren. In view of this state of things, Rep. Barnes, of Louisiana, submitted the following preamble and resolution, which was adopted.

Whereas, An epidemic of great mortality is now prevailing in the state of Louisiana, and which has often before proved fatal to so many of our best brethren, thereby embarrassing the financial affairs of the Order in that locality, and especially of the Encampment branch—Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the dues of Wilkey Encampment, No. 1, of Louisiana, be and they are hereby remitted to 24th June, 1837.

The Grand Secretary reported that no communication had been received from P. G. Wolford, on the subject referred to him at the last Annual Communication.

Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland, from the Committee of Correspondence, presented the following report, which was concurred in.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee of Correspondence have had referred to them a voluminous correspondence which has taken place during the recess of the Grand Lodge, which they have considered, and find to be generally upon business subjects, which have been promptly attended to by the Grand Secretary—your committee beg leave, however, to call your attention to the position occupied by Virginia Lodge, No. 1, of the state of Virginia, in reference to the Grand Lodge of the state. It appears from a letter addressed to the Grand Secretary by a number of the Past Grands of that lodge, that they are unwilling to come under the jurisdiction of their state Grand Lodge. The committee most sincerely regret that such a disposition should exist in a state so much to be commended for their zeal in the Order, and beg leave to recommend to the Grand Lodge the adoption of the subjoined resolution in reference to this affair. It appears also, from the correspondence, that Neilson Encampment No. 2, of Virginia, and Alabama Lodge No. 1, at Mobile, have been chartered and organized, and the committee report a resolution to confirm the same.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to inform Virginia Lodge, and all other subordinate lodges, if any, who have declined obedience to the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Virginia in that state, that the said lodges are under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, and that they are required to pay due respect and obedience to the said Grand Lodge, and report accordingly.

Resolved, That the grant of charter and organization of Neilson Encampment, No. 2, of Virginia, be and the same is hereby confirmed.

Resolved, That the opening and organization of Alabama Lodge, No. 1, of Mobile, be and the same is hereby approved.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JAMES L. RIDGELY,
HOWELL HOPKINS,
HENRY S. SANDERSON.

Rep Smith, of Virginia, stated that there would be no report from the Grand Lodge of Virginia at the present Communication, owing to their not having had a regular meeting.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until this afternoon, at four o'clock.

TUESDAY, 4 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment : Present, the Officers and a due representation.

The Grand Lodge was opened in regular form for the transaction of business.

Rep. Hopkins of Pennsylvania, from the committee to whom was referred the subject of the difficulties in New York, presented the following report, which was accepted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The committee appointed at a session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, held in the city of Baltimore in May, 1837, and whose duty it was made to repair to the town of Poughkeepsie, in the state of New York, there to meet brothers of the Order residing in the state of New York, and to make an effort to harmonize the fraternity in the state, respectfully report :

That in compliance with the directions contained in their appointment, they did, on the second day of August last, proceed to the town of Poughkeepsie, and were met by a large body of the members of the Order, resident in the city of New York, and by P. G.'s Marshall and Dillon, from the city of Albany. Your committee, in further performance of their duties, stated to the members of the Order there assembled, that the Grand Lodge of the United States felt deep regret, that any thing should have occurred amongst the members of the Order in the state of New York, as to call for the exercise of its parental authority. That at the October Session of 1836, it had been called upon to investigate the proceedings of a portion of the Order residing in the city of New York, and by virtue of the authority vested in her as the acknowledged head of the Order in the United States, had passed a resolution disapproving the course of conduct which had been pursued, and which was the subject of complaint. That in the hope of restoring the Order in the state of New York to the harmonious exercise of the principles of the Order, the Grand Lodge of the United States had at the same session, appointed a committee of its body to examine into the situation of affairs in the state of New York, and to make an effort to adjust the difficulties existing in their Grand Lodge.

That without waiting for the action of the committee thus appointed, who it was sanguinely hoped would have been able so to have adjusted the matter of difficulty then existing, and thereby have restored the Grand Lodge of New York to her former deservedly high station in the Order.

The members residing at Albany had without proper reflection, in violation of their duties as Odd Fellows, and of the respect and obedience they bound themselves by the reception of their charter as a Grand Lodge, to pay to the Grand Lodge of the United States, the source from whence they derive their existence, and the acknowledged head of the Order, had declared themselves the Grand Lodge of the state of New York, did expel P. G. M. Leise, and declare the charters of all lodges located in the city of New York, to be forfeited and annulled. This course of conduct being made known to the Grand Lodge of the United States at its Session in May, 1837, met its decided disapprobation, and being adopted at the time

the Grand Lodge of the United States was endeavouring to reconcile the difference existing between the parties, was an act of disobedience and insubordination, which called imperatively on it to exercise its authority to prevent injustice and oppression. The Grand Lodge of the United States therefore passed a resolution declaring the charter of the Grand Lodge of New York forfeited and annulled, for great insubordination and open disobedience to the authority of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

At the same time the Grand Lodge of the United States, feeling towards every member of the Order those sentiments of friendship and brotherly affection, which is so strongly inculcated by the principles of the Order—desirous to do all the good they can to each individual, and remembering that charity directs that the faults of a brother should, if repented, be forgiven, and desiring that the brethren of the Order in New York should enjoy to its fullest extent, the advantages which the faithful performance of their duties as Odd Fellows entitle them to—had appointed the committee with instructions to meet them at that town, and endeavour to re-organize the order in the state of New York. That we had come there with every disposition to aid and assist them, harmoniously to settle the difference existing among themselves, and were prepared to return the charter, and re-instate the Order in New York to its situation and standing, provided they would harmonize amongst themselves—recommending to them that the veil of oblivion should be drawn over past transactions, and that they should meet together in peace as at former times.

The committee regret to say that they were not able to effect their object. In the hope that if another opportunity was offered, the committee might yet effect the object of their appointment, they adjourned to meet in the city of Baltimore, on Friday the 29th of September; in this the committee have been disappointed. The members from the city of Albany persist in demands which (in the opinion of the committee,) are not made in the spirit of Odd Fellowship, and are such as the brothers of the city of New York cannot assent to. Your committee further report, that the members of the Order residing at the city of Albany, notwithstanding the act of the Grand Lodge of the United States, by which the charter of the Grand Lodge of New York was annulled, still continue to refuse obedience to that decision of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and still claim to act as a Grand Lodge, and as such have recently elected Grand Officers.

Notwithstanding this continued act of disobedience and insubordination, your committee earnestly desirous that all the advantages of the Order should be extended to the members thereof, wheresoever situate, and believing it would tend to the advancement of the Order in New York if they had a legal charter for a Grand Lodge, they, therefore recommend that a charter for a Grand Lodge be granted to the Past Grands of the state of New York, upon the terms and in the manner set forth in the annexed resolution, viz :

Resolved, That a committee of this Grand Lodge be appointed, whose duty it shall be to meet at such place in the state of New York as may be most suitable, and after having caused notice to be given to each subordinate lodge in that state, working under a legal charter, requiring them to send their Past Grands to meet such committee at a time to be by them appointed, at which time and place the said committee shall open a Special Meeting of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and after the Past Grands assembled shall have elected the requisite number of officers for a Grand Lodge—shall install the officers then elected, as the Grand Officers of the Grand

Lodge of the state of New York, and shall deliver them a charter for a Grand Lodge, to be styled the Grand Lodge of New York, together with a copy of the Constitution and By-laws in force in the late Grand Lodge of New York, as adopted in 1832, except that part of Article VI., of the Constitution, which fixes the location of said Grand Lodge, which shall be the Constitution and By-laws of said Grand Lodge until the same be altered or amended according to the provisions contained therein.

All which is respectfully submitted,

THOMAS WILDEY,
JAMES L. RIDGELY,
SAMUEL LUCAS,
HOWELL HOPKINS,
ZENAS B. GLAZIER,
HENRY S. SANDERSON.

Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland, moved to amend the resolution of the committee by inserting that "whenever application shall be made for a Grand Lodge by the Past Grands of the state of New York," which was determined in the negative by the following vote: the yeas and nays being called, were as follows:

YEAS.—Rep's Ridgely, 2 votes; Smith, and P. G. Sire Wildey—4.

NAYS.—Rep's Hopkins, 2 votes; Mills, Glazier, Barnes, and Sanderson—6.

The question being upon the passage of the resolution, Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland, moved to amend by adding the following, which was adopted:

Provided Nevertheless, That the committee authorized to issue the said charter, receive a constitutional application for the same.

The question was then taken upon the resolution as amended and concurred in.

The question was then taken upon the acceptance of the report, and determined in the affirmative.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, from the committee to whom was referred the affairs in the state of New York, offered the following.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee on the Affairs of the Grand Lodge of the state of New York, respectfully report: That after an examination of the documents referred to them on the 2d instant, are of opinion that they should be returned to the parties presenting them: they therefore offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition, and the accompanying documents.

THOMAS WILDEY, *Chairman*.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution adopted.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee of Correspondence, presented the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of the Correspondence of the Grand Lodge, respectfully report: That the increase of the Order in the United States, has required an extensive correspondence between this Grand Lodge and the various lodges under its jurisdiction—that

duties of conducting the correspondence should, in the opinion of your committee, be confided to an officer especially appointed for that purpose. They therefore, recommend that this Grand Lodge appoint an officer to be called the Corresponding Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States, whose duty it shall be to conduct the correspondence of this Grand Lodge, except so far as it relates to the financial concerns thereof; that said officer shall receive a salary of fifty dollars per annum.

Resolved, That the correspondence of this Grand Lodge, so far as it relates to the social affairs thereof, shall be conducted by the Grand Secretary.

All which is respectfully submitted.

HOWELL HOPKINS,
WILLIAM S. SMITH,
JAMES L. RIDGELY.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution adopted.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Returns, presented the following report :

of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Returns and Reports, from the Grand and subordinate Lodges and Encampments respectfully report : That returns and reports have been received from the following Grand Lodges, viz : Maryland, New Jersey, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, District of Columbia and Delaware—The Committee regret to be obliged to report, that notwithstanding the positive requirements of the By Laws of this Grand Lodge, and the repeated reports of committees on the subject, the reports of Pennsylvania, District of Columbia and of Delaware, are erroneous in so far as the names of the Past Grand Masters are omitted. In the report of the District of Columbia, the names of the elective officers are wholly omitted.

The report of the Grand Lodge of Delaware is not in the usual form.

The Grand Lodge of Ohio reported at the May Session, at which time it was acted upon. The report of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana has not yet been received, the Representative is yet in hopes of its arrival, it being, as he has reason to believe, been delayed by accident.

Virginia and Indiana, having been recently chartered, are not expected to report.

Returns and reports have been received from the following subordinate Lodges working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Washington Lodge, No. 2, of Virginia	to June 26, 1837.
Virginia Lodge, No. 1,	" May 22, "
Virginian Lodge, No. 3,	" July 1, "
New Albany Lodge, No. 1, of Indiana	" April 30, "
Columbia Lodge, No. 1, of New York	" June 29, "
New York Lodge, No. 10,	" June 28, "
Gettys Lodge, No. 11,	" June 27, "
Germania Lodge, No. 13,	" June 30, "
Tenuta Lodge, No. 14,	" June 26, "
Perseverance Lodge, No. 17,	" June 30, "

All of which are found in correct form.

A return and report has also been received from Columbia Encampment, No. 1, of the District of Columbia, which is found to be erroneous in this: the names of Past Chief Patriarchs are omitted.

The Committee further report, that the Lodges, No's 5, 6, 8, 12 and 16, of New York, have failed to make returns and reports as directed at the last Session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, held in May, 1837.

In closing the report, the Committee recommend that this Grand Lodge, in consideration of the pecuniary difficulties under which the Grand Lodge of Delaware have so long labored, do remit to said Grand Lodge the amount of two year's dues, now by it owing to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

All which is respectfully submitted.

HOWELL HOPKINS,
JOHN F. BARNES,
WILLIAM S. SMITH.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Delaware be remitted the dues for two years, due by it to this Grand Lodge.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution adopted.

Rep. Glazier, of Delaware, asked leave of absence for the remainder of the Session, which was refused.

Rep. Sanderson, of Kentucky, moved that the Grand Treasurer receive such moneys as the Grand Secretary has in his possession, which was concurred in.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning, at ten o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, October 4th, 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment; Present, the Officers and a due representation.

Rep. Barnes, of Louisiana, presented the report of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, which was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Reports.

Rep. Barnes, of Louisiana, also presented the report of Wildey Encampment, No. 1, New Orleans, which was referred to the same committee.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Returns, presented the following report, which was accepted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Returns and Reports, respectfully report: That the return and report of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, which was referred to them is in perfect form, and exhibits the Order in that state to be in a prosperous condition.

That the return and report of Wildey Encampment, in the state of Louisiana, also submitted to them, is correct according to the requisition of the By Laws of this Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HOWELL HOPKINS,
WILLIAM S. SMITH,
JOHN F. BARNES.

Rep. Boswell, of New Jersey, offered the following, which was unanimously concurred in.

Whereas, Our brethren in New Orleans, by an afflicting calamity, have expended the funds of their respective lodges, and raised by subscription nearly the sum of five hundred dollars, and erected an hospital, for the relief of their distressed fellow beings—thereby proving to the world the sincerity of their professions—for which noble deeds they deserve our warmest gratitude: Therefore be it

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered to our friends and brethren in New Orleans, (through their Representative,) for their praise-worthy acts in the greatest of all works—that of charity in its fullest extent.

P. G. Sire Wildey presented the following report, which was accepted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

It is a source of great pleasure to me, to report to the Grand Lodge, that in a recent official tour which I have made in Virginia, under a deputation from the Grand Sire, that I have found Odd Fellowship in a most cheering state of advancement. After my return from New York, I had the honor of being deputized to open a Grand Lodge, and an Encampment, at Richmond, Virginia—I proceeded to discharge this pleasing duty on the 14th of August, and upon my arrival in Richmond, was met by a committee of brethren, who very kindly conveyed me to excellent quarters, previously provided for the deputation. On the following morning I was invited to the Odd Fellows' Hall, where I met with the most cordial reception from the assembled brethren; and after an interchange of sentiments, arranged all the necessary preliminaries for the ceremony of opening the Encampment on the ensuing day—on the 16th of August, this interesting ceremony was performed, and the officers duly installed; ten members were also initiated into the Encampment. On the 20th of August, the ceremony of dedicating the Grand Lodge of Virginia, and the installation of the Grand Officers took place. The necessary and unavoidable stay made with the brethren, enabled me to give them much information, which seemed to be very eagerly sought for. It is a subject of great gratification to me to state, that I entertain the most sanguine hopes of the Order in this state, and congratulate the fraternity at large upon the accession of Virginia into our jurisdiction.

THOMAS WILDEY.

P. G. Sire Wildey, presented a petition from Lodges, No's 1, 10, 11, 13, 14 and 17, of the city of New York, praying for a charter for a Grand Lodge for the state of New York, and to be located at the city of New York, and moved its reference to the committee to be hereafter appointed relative to the Affairs of the Order in said state, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Mills, of District of Columbia, moved that the committee be immediately appointed, for the purpose of referring the above petition.

Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland, moved a re-consideration of the reference of the petition from New York, which was concurred in

Before the question was again taken upon the reference of the petition, it was, on motion, laid on the table.

The motion of Rep. Mills, of District of Columbia, being in order, to appoint the committee, it was decided to consist of seven, and that the Chair appoint the same, the Grand Sire being in his official capacity, Chairman thereof.

Whereupon, the Chair appointed Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland; Glazier, of Delaware; Hopkins, of Pennsylvania; Sanderson, of Kentucky; Smith, of Virginia; P. G. Sire Wildey, and Rep. Boswell, of New Jersey.

Rep. Sanderson, of Kentucky, called up the petition from New York, laid on the table, which was concurred in.

Rep. Sanderson, of Kentucky, moved to refer the petition to the committee just appointed, which was agreed to.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, offered the following, which was, on motion, laid on the table.

Whereas, This Grand Lodge did, at its Session held in May, order and direct that the Grand Secretary should notify the subordinate lodges in the state of New York, that they are under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and are directed to report accordingly; And, *Whereas*, the subordinate lodges in the state of New York, have not been furnished with official information of the same: Therefore,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary address a circular to each of the subordinate lodges in the state of New York, attested by the seal of this Grand Lodge, requiring them forthwith to transmit to him regular quarterly reports from 17th of May, 1837, accompanied with the per centage due to the Grand Lodge of the United States, as their immediate head.

Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland, called up the resolution of Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, laid on the table, when Rep. Glazier, of Delaware, moved to amend, by striking out the word "forthwith," and insert "prior to the meeting of the committee appointed to visit New York for the purpose of opening a Grand Lodge," which amendment was afterwards withdrawn.

The question was then taken upon the resolution of Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, and determined in the affirmative.

Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland, moved that when the Grand Lodge adjourns, it will be until four o'clock, this afternoon, which was concurred in.

Rep. Mills, of District of Columbia, asked and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the Session.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, moved to refer the subject of Encampment Regalia, when and where to be worn, to a special committee of three, to be appointed by the Chair, which motion prevailed.

The Chair appointed as the committee, Rep's Hopkins, of Pennsylvania; Ridgely, of Maryland; and P. G. Sire Wildey.

P. G. Sire Wildey, having made a statement respecting brothers visiting from England, Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, moved that the subject be referred to the above committee, which was concurred in.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until four o'clock, this afternoon.

WEDNESDAY, 4 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, the Officers, and a due representation.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, from the committee to whom was referred the difference of the Work in England, presented the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The committee to whom was referred the subject of a difference in some parts of the Work in England from that practised in the United States, have had that subject under consideration, and ask leave respectfully to report; that two years having elapsed since any correspondence has taken place with the Manchester Moveable Committee of Great Britain, they have not been advised of the change or difference in the Work referred to, and beg leave, with a view to information upon the subject, to recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HOWELL HOPKINS,
JAMES L. RIDGELY,
THOMAS WILDEY.

Resolved, by the Grand Lodge of the United States, That the Committee of Correspondence be, and they are hereby directed to open a correspondence with the proper authority in Great Britain, for the purpose of ascertaining what alterations, if any, have been made in the Work of the Order.

On motion, the report was accepted, and the resolution adopted.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, from the committee to whom was referred the subject of Encampment Regalia, presented the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The committee to whom was referred the subject of enquiring into the propriety of the use of Encampment Regalia in Grand or Subordinate Lodges, beg leave to report by resolution.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HOWELL HOPKINS,
JAMES L. RIDGELY,
THOMAS WILDEY.

Resolved, That the Encampment Regalia cannot be worn in any other department of the Order, except in the body of an Encampment of Patriarchs.

On motion, the report was accepted, and the resolution adopted.

G. Chaplain Walker presented the following report, which was, on motion of Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland, accepted, and ordered to be placed on the journal.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

This communication from your R. W. G. Chaplain, Sater T. Walker, is to inform this Grand Lodge, that in December and January last, he visited some of the Western and Southern lodges, concerning which he is proud to state, that in their deportment, decorum and operations, they are consistent, praiseworthy and even meritorious Odd Fellows. Those of Wheeling, Va., showed him every mark of courtesy and friendship, which, to him, bespoke them worthy members of the Order, and a credit to this Grand Lodge, from whom they have received the authority for all their operations. Upon their being informed of his arrival in their city, (only being able to remain over Sabbath,) at least thirty of them called upon him

at his lodging, conducted him to and through their hall, informed him of all their working and charities, and dwelt much upon the advantages of their free schools, and the promising prospects of Odd Fellowship amongst them.

Too much praise cannot be bestowed upon Boon Lodge, No. 1, and Chosen Friends' Lodge, No. 2, at Louisville, Ky., for the personal regard shown him as Grand Chaplain, using every means in their power to express their regard and attachment to this Grand Lodge, in honoring any of its officers, and by their civilities, ready and willing to add to the comfort and gratification of worthy Odd Fellows.

To him, G. M. Henry Wolford transferred the charter and books for Mississippi Lodge, No. 1, at Natchez.

He would very willingly decline attempting to speak in commendation of lodges No's 1 and 2, in New Orleans, as he is very sensible he has not language sufficient to speak fully to their praise, both as gentlemen and worthy operative Odd Fellows. He found them in a prosperous condition, well versed in the operations of the Order, punctual in the discharge of its rules and regulations, and gentlemen in their hospitalities and civilities. The names of Mondelli and Barnes will ever bear a prominent place in his fondest recollection of the worthy brothers in New Orleans.

Monday evening, February 6th, 1837, I arrived in Natchez, was met by a committee at the landing, conducted to the hotel, and after partaking of some refreshments, was conveyed to a house corner of Main and Wall streets, in the third story of which the petitioners for the charter of the lodge had fitted up rooms for their accommodation as a society and not a lodge, but in its arrangement it is evident they had an eye to receiving their charter. I found with them a private chest well furnished with regalia and emblems of the Order. The society was called to order and disbanded, and a lodge opened in due form—Marian Ruffner, N. G.; William Dale, V. G.; W. F. Stanton, Sec'y—and the appointed officers in their respective places—raised some, initiated others; twelve raised.

As Odd Fellows, their lustre shown much to the credit of the Order, although they had been in a lonely situation for the space of five years. I leave this lodge to infer what must be my grateful feelings at the recollection of them, when I inform you, their deportment towards me was similar to that of worthy subjects to a deserving prince, free of all expense, even to my place of destination, and voted a gold medal, and the privilege of an honorary member for life.

SATER T. WALKER.

Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland, offered the following, which was unanimously concurred in.

Resolved, by the Grand Lodge of the United States, That the unanimous thanks of this Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby tendered to P. G. Sire Wildey, G. Chaplain Walker and G. Master Mondelli, for their valuable services to the Order, as Deputies of this Grand Lodge, for the opening of the Grand Lodge, and Encampment, No. 1, of Virginia; Alabama Lodge, No. 1, at Mobile, state of Albama; and Mississippi Lodge, No. 1, at Natchez, state of Mississippi.

Rep. Barnes, of Louisiana, moved that his certificate as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, be endorsed by him to P. G. M. Lucas, as the Proxy Representative in his absence, which was determined in the negative.

P. G. Sire Wildey offered the following, which was adopted.

andred. That the Charge and Degree books for subordinate lodges, be charged at one dollar each, and a set of Encampment books be also charged at five dollars.

G. Sire Wildey, from the committee on the Work of the Order, presented the following report, which was accepted.

he R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

he committee to whom was referred the Work of the Order, beg leave respectfully to report, that they have had the work under consideration for some time, and they see no necessity for making any alteration except in D.B.N.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS WILDEY,
JAMES L. RIDGELY.

ep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee of Finance, presented the following report, which was adopted.

he R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

he Committee of Finance report, that they have examined the accounts of the Grand Secretary, showing the amount received by him since the annual Session of 1836, and find he has received the sum of \$726 66; which he has exhibited the receipt of the Grand Treasurer. The acts of the Grand Treasurer, as submitted by him, exhibits a receipt of \$66, from Grand Secretary, and that he has made payment to the sum of \$381 40, for all of which he has produced receipts—leaving a balance in his hands of \$345 06.

our committee are satisfied that the payments have been made for properly charged to the Grand Lodge. Your committee beg leave, ever, to say, that by the 7th Article of the Constitution, it is required payment shall be made by the Grand Treasurer, on orders drawn on by the Grand Sire, attested by the Grand Secretary—that this has not been done—they recommend that for the future, no payments should be made by the Grand Treasurer unless in conformity with the 7th Article of the Constitution.

bill has been presented by four of the committee appointed at the May session, to visit Poughkeepsie, amounting to \$190, which they recommend and

he Grand Secretary has presented a bill for postage, freight, station and discount on uncurrent money, amounting to \$32; the committee extend it should be paid, and that the Secretary charge the discount on current money to the lodges from which the said money was received.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HOWELL HOPKINS,
JAMES L. RIDGELY,
HENRY C. BOSWELL.

ep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, moved that the Messenger receive for services during the present Communication, the sum of six dollars, and was sustained in

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Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, from the committee to whom was referred the subject of appointing a qualified brother to travel and give instructions, &c., presented the following report, which was read.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The committee who were directed to inquire into the expediency of the appointment of some qualified brothers, who shall be charged by this body with authority to visit all the states in which Odd Fellowship exists in this country, once a year, for the purpose of instructing the brethren in the work, and superintending generally its welfare ; and who shall also be invested with power under special dispensation to be issued by the Grand Sire, to organize lodges whenever proper and constitutional applications shall be made for the same—respectfully report : That the subject submitted to them is one of great importance—of more importance than is usually submitted to its consideration—that the communication of information on the Work of the Order, &c., has at different times occupied the attention of this Grand Lodge. At the session held in October, 1835, it was

“Resolved, That the Grand Sire be requested to select and appoint a qualified Past Grand in each state, district and territory, whose duty it shall be to visit each lodge, working under warrant of this Grand Lodge, in said state, district or territory, and communicate all information and instructions which may be by this Grand Lodge directed to be made. And when a charter for a Grand or Subordinate Lodge or Encampment shall be granted, the Past Grand so appointed shall attend and perform the ceremony of opening and installation. He shall bear the title of District Deputy Grand Sire of the United States, of I. O. of O. F. His expenses, whilst so engaged, shall be charged to the lodge he may be required to visit.”

Under this resolution, the Grand Sire made some appointments, but the advantages expected to be derived therefrom has not been realized to the extent hoped for. Your committee further report, that after the most deliberate consideration they have been able to give the subject, they are of opinion that it is expedient to appoint a qualified person for the purpose contemplated.

And further they report, that if it be deemed by the Grand Lodge expedient to make such an appointment, the compensation to be allowed him shall be one thousand dollars per annum—five hundred dollars to be paid from any unappropriated money in the treasury, the remainder to be paid by the lodges and Encampments he may be called on to visit.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HOWELL HOPKINS, *Chairman.*

Rep. Ridgely, of Maryland, then offered the following resolutions, which were adopted.

Resolved, That P. G. Sire Thomas Willey be and is hereby appointed Travelling Agent, until the next Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, for the Order throughout the United States; and that the sum of five hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and is hereby appropriated to be paid over to him, from time to time, by the Grand Treasurer, should so much come into his possession during the vacation of this Grand Lodge; provided, however, that the said Grand Treasurer shall always retain in his hands the sum of one hundred dollars, to meet the current expenses of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, further, That the said Agent shall report all his acts and doings to the next Annual Session of this Grand Lodge.

Sanderson, of Kentucky, moved to refer the subject of the Diploma, price of the same, to the committee on that subject, in conjunction with Travelling Agent, which was concurred in.

Glazier, of Delaware, submitted the following :

Resolved, That when this Grand Lodge adjourns, it adjourns to meet the committee on the subject of the Order in New York, and that they assemble at the town of New York, on Wednesday, the 15th November next.

Ridgely, of Maryland, moved to amend by striking out all after the word "resolved," and insert, "that when this Grand Lodge adjourns, it adjourns *sine die*," which was concurred in.

Smith, of Virginia, moved to re-consider the vote of the Grand Lodge fixing the number of the committee on the State of the Order in New York, which was concurred in.

Ridgely, of Maryland, moved that the committee consist of three, which motion prevailed.

Grand Sire appointed as the committee, Rep's Ridgely, of Maryland; Hopkins, of Pennsylvania; and Smith, of Virginia.

Ridgely, of Maryland, asked to be excused from serving on the committee, when, on motion, he was so excused.

Chair appointed Rep. Boswell, of New Jersey, to fill the vacancy.

Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, asked to be excused from serving on the committee, when, on motion, he was so excused.

Chair appointed P. G. Sire Wilkey to fill the vacancy.

Sire Wilkey asked to be excused from serving on the committee, which was determined in the affirmative; the yeas and nays being called, the result was as follows :

—Rep's Ridgely, 2 votes; Hopkins, 2 votes; and Sanderson—5.

—Rep's Warner, Barnes, Glazier, and Smith—4.

Chair appointed Proxy Rep. Warner, of District of Columbia, to fill the vacancy.

Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, moved to dispense with reading the report, and that they be referred to the Committee of Correspondence meeting, which was concurred in.

Sanderson, of Kentucky, moved that the Grand Secretary receive a salary of sixty dollars for his services during the past year, which was concurred in.

At the conclusion of the session, the Grand Lodge then closed the Annual Session.

ROBERT NEILSON, *Grand Secretary*.

Amount of Money received by the Grand Secretary since the last Annual Communication.

From Grand Lodge of New York,	\$90 00
do. do. Ohio,	37 00
Lodges at Richmond, per P. G. Sire Wildey,	50 00
Two reports from Jefferson Lodge, No. 4, Richmond, Va.	47 05
Grand Lodge charter for Virginia,	30 00
do. do. Indiana,	30 00
Alabama Lodge, No. 1, Mobile, Ala.	50 00
Charter Madison Lodge, No. 6, Winchester, Va.	30 00
do. Union Lodge, No. 7, Richmond, Va.	30 00
do. Monroe Lodge, No. 8, Petersburg, Va.	30 00
Olive Branch Encampment, No. 2, Covington, Ky.	30 00
Neilson Encampment, No. 2, Richmond, Va.	30 00
Subscription to Plate, Iowa Lodge, No. 1, Mineral Point, Iowa,	25 00
Grand Lodge of Louisiana,	60 00
do. Pennsylvania,	40 00
do. Delaware,	10 00
do. Maryland,	40 00
do. New Jersey,	20 00
do. District of Columbia,	20 00
Encampment charter, Trenton, N. J.	30 00
Columbia Encampment, No. 1, D. C.	4 70
Washington Lodge, No. 2,	29 60
Union Lodge, No. 7, Richmond, Va.	3 11
Alabama Lodge, No. 1, Mobile, Ala.	30 00
Grand Lodge of New Jersey, four charge books,	4 00
D. G. Master Barnes, do.	4 00
P. G. Master Marshall, do.	4 00
Subordinate Lodges in the city of New York,	64 12
New Albany Lodge, No. 1, New Albany, Ind.	95 00
Mt. Horeb Encampment, No. 1, Louisville, Ky.	20 00
	\$917 58

DR. GRAND LODGE of U. S., in account with A. E. WARNER, G. Treas. CR.

1837.	1837,
To cash, H. Edwards for book case,	By cash from Grand Secretary, \$853 46
\$40 00	
" J. Goldsmith, for painting	
book case, - - - 5 00	
" J. E. Chamberlain, keeper	
of Hall, - - - 5 00	
" J. Pearce, expenses to New	
York, - - - 26 00	
" F. Leise, exp'ses to Wash-	
ington, - - - 7 50	
" A. E. Warner, on Service	
of Plate, - - - 25 00	
" Thos. Wildey, for German	
Books, - - - 55 00	
" Sands & Neilson, for print-	
ing, - - - 217 90	
" R. Neilson, for bill, - 32 00	
" Committee to Po'keepsie, 190 00	
" R. Neilson, G. Secretary, 60 00	
" J. E. Chamberlain, keeper	
of Hall, - - - 6 00	
Balance in treasury, - - - 184 06	
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Grand and Subordinate Encampments under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, reporting this Session.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania reports 1 Grand and 4 subordinate Encampments—76 members, \$171 67 revenue.

Columbia Encampment, No. 1, D. C.—5 initiations, 15 members, \$47 revenue.

Wiley Encampment, No. 1, Louisiana—10 members, \$197 50 revenue.

Jerusalem Encampment, No. 1, Indiana—19 members, \$212 44 revenue.

Mt. Horsh Encampment, No. 1, Kentucky—4 initiations, 39 members, \$356 55 revenue.

Annual Report of the Grand and Subordinate Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., commencing October, 1836, and ending October, 1837.

LODGES	Where held.	States	No of Lodges	Initiations.	Dispersions.	Expulsions.	Revenue	Contributing Members.	Remarks.
● L of Maryland.	Baltimore.	Md.	22	284	26	25	\$ 2,386 75	1,175	
● " Pennsylvania.	Philadelphia.	Penn.	51	192	62	144	13,375 25	3,066	
● " D. C.	Washington.	D. C.	2	21	10	...	512 40	116	
● " Delaware.	Wilmington.	Del.	4	...	...	...	...	95	
● " Ohio.	Cincinnati.	Ohio.	6	107	35	54	3,623 35	790	
● " Louisiana.	New Orleans.	La.	2	77	35	...	1,964 00	199	
● " New Jersey.	Trenton.	N. J.	6	19	7	2	482 00	116	
● " Kentucky.	Louisville.	Ky.	5	57	15	...	2,600 42	340	
Virginia.	No. 1, Harper's Fr.		12	...	...	...	231 55	49	
Washington.	" 2, Norfolk.		14	...	...	...	342 81	36	
Virginia.	" 3, Wheeling.		19	...	...	...	286 00	51	
Johnson.	" 4, Richmond.	Va.	6	35	...	...	440 57	66	
Old Dominion.	" 5, Portsmouth.		15	...	3	...	1,288 25	131	
Union.	" 7, Richmond.		4	...	...	...	31 17	18	
New Albany.	" 1, New Albany.	Ind.	2	31	...	1	1,013 54	75	
Sharon.	" 2, Madison.		1	3	...	...	121 51	110	
Iron.	" 1, Mineral Point.	I. T.	1	52	21	1	1,152 55	123	
True Love Rest.	" 1, St. Louis.	Mo.	1	81	...	...	1,504 39	123	
Alabama.	" 1, Mobile.	Ala.	1	17	...	1	449 00	24	
			110	1,296	393	230	\$ 23,220 21	6,551	

Expulsions.

In Maryland—No. 9, J. D. Norris; No. 17, Thomas Birmingham and Thomas Parsons; No. 23, J. Swain; No. 24, Hugh B. Mackley and Isaac Naland. Improper conduct. No. 3, six; No. 9, one; No. 18, eight; No. 25, one; No. 26, two; No. 28, one; No. 29, one. Improper payment of dues; names not given.

In Pennsylvania—No. 4, seventy-two; No. 7, two; No. 8, three; No. 11, twenty-two; No. 14, sixteen; No. 26, eight; No. 28, sixteen; No. 29, one; No. 31, one; No. 34, one; No. 43, one. Improper conduct, and non-payment of dues; names not given.

In Delaware—No. 2, Henry F. Askew, Wm. Simmons, Joseph S. Hedges, John George Hammer, Thos. P. Crozier and Henry C. Otto. Improper conduct.

In Ohio—No. 1, F. Le Due and Jacob Osborne; No. 5, John Nolan and William C. ... Improper conduct. No. 1, nineteen; No. 2, seventeen; No. 3, four; No. 4, ... Names not given.

In Virginia—No. 1, James Crawford. Improper conduct.

In Washington—No. 1, Willis P. Dorsey. Improper conduct.

In New York—No. 1, ... Name or cause not given.

In Massachusetts—No. 1, Elkan Compton. Improper conduct.

In Alabama—No. 1, George Harrison. Improper conduct.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION
OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES,

Held at the City of Baltimore, October, 1838.

MONDAY, October 1st, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge convened this day, at Odd Fellows' Hall, city of Baltimore, being the regular Annual Communication, when the following were present.

SAMUEL H. PERKINS,	M. W. G. Sire.
JAMES NESBITT,	R. W. D. G. Sire, <i>p. t.</i>
ROBERT NEILSON,	R. W. G. Secretary.
ANDREW E. WARNER,	R. W. G. Treasurer.
GEORGE M. BAIN,	W. G. Chaplain, <i>p. t.</i>
GOTLEIB F. BUHRE,	W. G. Guardian.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN,	W. G. Messenger, and
P. G. Sire THOMAS WILDEY.	

The Grand Secretary presented the credentials of the Representatives of the several Grand Lodges, viz:

P. G. M. ROBERT NEILSON,	Rep. of Maryland.
P. G. JOHN A. KENNEDY,	Rep. of New York.
P. G. M. JOHN PEARCE,	Rep. of Pennsylvania.
P. G. JOSEPH BORROWS,	Rep. of Dist. of Columbia.
P. G. M. JAMES L. RIDGELY,	Proxy Rep. of Ohio.
P. G. M. SAMUEL LUCAS,	Proxy Rep. of Louisiana.
P. G. JOHN McCULLEY,	Rep. of New Jersey.
P. G. M. HENRY S. SANDERSON,	Proxy Rep. of Kentucky.
P. G. WILLIAM TOWERS,	Rep. of Virginia.

It appearing that a constitutional quorum was present, the D. Grand Sire was directed to examine the Representatives.

The D. Grand Sire reported that the Representatives present were duly qualified; and then, by order of the Grand Sire, proclaimed the Grand Lodge opened for the transaction of business.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Sire appointed D. G. Sire Nesbitt and P. G. Sire Wildey, a committee to examine the credentials of the Representatives of the several Grand Lodges.

P. G. Sire Wildey, from the committee to whom was referred the credentials of the Representatives from the several Grand Lodges, reported that they had examined the same, and find them correct, viz: Maryland,

rk, Pennsylvania, District of Columbia, Ohio, Louisiana, New
Kentucky, and Virginia.

tion, the report was accepted.

proceedings of the last Annual Communication were read, and on
[Rep. Pearce, of Pennsylvania, adopted.

Grand Site announced the following Standing Committees, viz :

ANCE—Rep's Pearce, of Pennsylvania; Kennedy, of New York; Bulley, of New Jersey.

ations—Rep's Sanderson, of Kentucky; Ridgely, of Ohio; and of Virginia.

ports—Rep's Pearce, of Pennsylvania; Towers, of Virginia; son, of Maryland.

Correspondence.—Rep's Ridgely, of Ohio; Neilson, of Maryland; Wags, of District of Columbia.

Warner, Proxy Representative of District of Columbia, (1837.)
Special Committee to whom was referred the subject of re-organ-
Order in the state of New York, presented the following report.

W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

committee appointed by the Grand Lodge of the United States, at a Session held in the city of Baltimore, October, 1837, whose duty it was to repair to Newburgh, to meet the Past Grands of the Grand Lodge of New York, to install the officers, and deliver them a charter, proposing that an application be made for the same, beg leave to report the proceedings.

All which is respectfully submitted.

**ANDREW E. WARNER,
THOMAS WILDEY.**

NEWBURGH, N. Y., November 21, 1837.

Committee of the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., appointed on October 3d, 1837, convened for the purposes of their appointment, at ten o'clock, A. M., pursuant to notice from the Chairman; when, Andrew E. Warner, Proxy Rep. of District of Columbia, and P. G. was Wilder, in place of the Representative of Virginia. Brother John A. was appointed Secretary to the committee.

amities immediately proceeded to business, by announcing their readiness to receive applications from the lodges; when the following lodges made formal application for a Grand Charter for the Grand Lodge of New York, and re-located in the city of New York, viz. Columbia Lodge, No. 1; New York Lodge, No. 10; Gettys Lodge, No. 11; Germania Lodge, No. 13; Teutonia Lodge, No. 14; and Perseverance Lodge, No. 17. There being no other applications, it was

4. That a Charter for the Grand Lodge of New York be granted to the peti-

ated to the *per se* issue. *Id.* — We have heretofore designat- ed the *per se* issue as whether, under the facts of the case, the Government was entitled to a virtual determination of the defendant's guilt, although the issue as to whether the defendant's actions were within the scope of the Grant Lodge of the United States, at the time of the defendant's trading activities, may not be deemed inappropriate. The fact that the defendant's trading activities were of the prohibited nature in which the defendant was not permitted for several years, whilst it was making the first report of trading activities, is not fatal at that time in the position of the defendant with respect to the issue of whether the Grant Lodge was in being at the time of the defendant's trading activities. The fact that the defendant was not a member of the lodge at the time of the trading activities is not fatal to the Government's case. It was the defendant's trading activities which were the subject of the Government's case. It was the defendant's trading activities which were the subject of the Government's case. It was the defendant's trading activities which were the subject of the Government's case.

Previous to proceeding to ballot for the necessary Grand Officers, the committee required that the credentials properly authenticated, must be presented in order to entitle the Past Grands to their votes. Certificates were then presented from Columbia Lodge, No. 1, for twenty-four Past Grands; from New York Lodge, No. 10, for fourteen Past Grands; from Gettys Lodge, No. 11, for thirteen Past Grands; from Germania Lodge, No. 13, for eight Past Grands; from Teutonia Lodge, No. 14, for eight Past Grands; from Perseverance Lodge, No. 17, for eight Past Grands. And on calling over the names, the following were present, viz: Of Columbia Lodge, P. G.'s C. McGowan, J. Booth, Jr., W. H. Colyer, W. A. Tyler, J. D. Stewart, Wm. Y. Clark, Joseph Patterson, M. Kielly, S. McDonald, E. Seaborne, W. Charlock, and J. Cole. Of New York Lodge, P. G.'s W. Small, C. W. Riddle, J. R. Young, J. Bale, E. Wainright, S. D. Alexander, C. P. Van Norden, C. Ashmead, P. H. Green, T. Frost, and Wm. Thomson. Of Gettys Lodge, P. G.'s J. Alcock, J. A. Kennedy, F. H. Macy, J. Marrenner, S. J. Fooley, M. Nutting, J. C. Pooley, and J. B. Vandusen. Of Germania Lodge, P. G.'s J. Bayer, J. M. Eisenmann, G. Chatillon, F. Hartig, C. Kinkele, and H. Boshert. Of Teutonia Lodge, P. G.'s C. Nordmeyer, and F. Mulmaster. And of Perseverance Lodge, P. G.'s W. H. Youngs, J. Naylor, P. Glover, William Carew, and J. Wilkinson.

The Past Grands being all qualified, proceeded to ballot for Grand Officers, and the committee announced the following as the result, viz:

JAMES ALCOCK, of Lodge, No. 11, M. W. G. Master.
 WILLET CHARLOCK, " No. 1, R. W. D. G. Master.
 CHARLES MCGOWAN, " No. 1, R. W. G. Secretary.
 GEORGE CHATILLON, " No. 13, R. W. G. Treasurer.

The committee submitted the question of location to the assembled Past Grands, when forty-three voted for the "city of New York," and one voted for the "town of Poughkeepsie," whereupon the committee

Ordered, That the blank of location be filled with the words "City of New York."

The committee then

Master, which exploit has heretofore been erroneously attributed to the Grand Lodge—a body devoid of a sufficiency of vitality to either approve of the aggression or to resist it, as has been shown in the note on page 114. The removal produced no beneficial influence on the efficiency of its action, but would seem to have perfected its abasement, if its intercourse with the Grand Lodge of the United States may be relied on as evidence of condition; no payments of proportion of expenses having been made from 1829 to 1834, nor any reports submitted, in that time, except of the change of Grand Officers. A slight impulse resembling prosperity in the body of the Order, at the new location, succeeded the removal there, but it speedily subsided, when the three lodges which had been established were consolidated into one. The remote lodges founded their complaint especially on neglect and the misapplication of funds; that even their letters containing remittances were suffered to lie unacknowledged; and that the G. P. W. had been permitted to remain unchanged for several terms together, from want of the necessary information. During 1833 and 1834, while several new lodges were being instituted and a renovating spirit had manifested itself among the brethren in the city of New York, immense difficulties were found to exist in the destitution of all approach to uniformity in the work; each lodge seeming to have a system of its own. To the careful observer, it was evident that the fraternity could not permanently prosper under the loose mode of administration which had theretofore characterized its government; and that an effective Grand Lodge was all which was needed to raise the jurisdiction of New York to a position of pre-eminence. The earlier efforts of those who entertained such opinion, were directed to correcting the manner of action and to infusing vigor into the body as then in operation. Nor was it until after the failure of several measures of improvement (among which may be enumerated that of prohibiting the disbursement of the funds for refreshment,) that their attention was directed to what eventually became the main question of controversy. On an examination of the records of the Grand Lodge of the United States, it was ascertained that no evidence existed of that body having granted permission to change the location from the city of New York; whereas the lodges in that city claimed its restoration to its original place, which was resisted by those in whose hands the power rested, with an energy corresponding to the magnitude of the prize. At a session held in February, 1836, a new Constitution was offered, which, according to the requirements of the Constitution in force, was laid over until the Annual Session in August; at which time it was in the course of adoption, when the adjournment took place which brought the proceedings before the Grand Lodge of the United States. After the final adoption of the proposed Constitution, and the return of the seat of the Grand Lodge to New York, the dissenters organized themselves as a Grand Lodge and continued operating as such in the city of Albany, with two or three subordinate lodges, until about 1840, when its meetings ceased. The body claiming to be the Grand Lodge, located in the city of New York, terminated its sessions on the instant of the promulgation of the decision of the Grand Lodge of the United States, made at the May session, 1837; and the lodges which had been under its control, came under the direct superintendence of the Grand Lodge of the United States, where they remained until the grant upon which we note was made to their application. It is proper to note further, that all of the lodges which sustained the organization at Albany for a time, are now in regular connexion with their sister lodges in the state. The gratification afforded by the present unparalleled prosperity of the Order in that state, is greatly enhanced by the reflection, that this controversy, probably the most exciting domestic one which has engaged the attention of the Order, was so conducted as not to prevent the most friendly intercourse between the parties; and since its termination has offered no impediment to a perfect union of those engaged in it.

, That an adjournment do now take place, and that this committee and Grand Officers do assemble in the city of New York, at the Masonic Hall, on evening next, at eight o'clock, for the purpose of presenting the Grand and installing the Grand Officers.

J. A. KENNEDY, *Secretary.*

New York, November 23d, 1837.

Committee convened: Present as at Newburgh. And immediately proceeded to the Grand Officers, when the brothers elected on the 21st instant, were formed by P. G. Sire Wildey; the Grand Charter of the Grand Lodge of New York, and the Grand Lodge duly opened and constituted, and was so done by the M. W. P. G. Sire.

Committee having concluded their duties, then retired.

ANDREW E. WARNER,
THOMAS WILDEY, P. G. Sire.

KENNEDY, *Secretary of Committee.*

Geilson, of Maryland, moved the adoption of the report, which was carried, when it became a part of the proceedings of this Grand

Report of the several Grand and subordinate lodges and Encampments presented, and on motion of Rep. Pearce, of Pennsylvania, referred to the Committee on Reports.

Grand Sire presented the following report, accompanied with two letters, from a committee of the brethren in Albany.

1. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

In compliance with Article IV. of our Constitution, and in conformity with ancient usage of the Order, the Grand Sire would respectfully

Shortly after the last Annual Communication, he visited Trenton, New Jersey, in company with brother Hopkins, the Past Master of that state, and brother Hubeli, the Grand Master of Pennsylvania, and opened an Encampment, in ancient form, called "Trenton Encampment, No. 2," located at Trenton, New Jersey; a charter for which was granted at the last Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge. He reports to state, that he found the patriarchs zealous for the advancement of the Order, and determined to promote its purity and consequent prosperity by the exercise of proper caution in admitting none but the

Appointment of one of the oldest and most experienced members of the Grand Lodge as Travelling Agent, rendered it unnecessary for the Grand Sire to visit in person or by special deputation, the different state lodges under this jurisdiction. He has, however, emitted no opportunity, either by letter or verbally, to communicate instruction in the principles, enforce the rules and regulations, and advance the prosperity of the Order. He has enjoyed personal interviews with members of the state Grand Lodges of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, and the brothers of Indiana. Much satisfaction from many of them was of a highly gratifying nature.

The true and detailed reports of the acts and doings of the Travelling Agent, which is required to be made at the Annual Communication, will contain the necessary information respecting the south and west.

The difficulties between our brethren of New York and Albany appear not yet to be finally settled. Their feelings are so alienated, that a cordial union between them is not to be expected, at least for many years to come. Our brethren in Albany express much desire to continue in connection with the Grand Lodge of the United States; but candidly confess that they see not how it can be done, except by granting them a charter for a state Grand Lodge, to be located at Albany, and to have jurisdiction over the lodges that will now compose it, and such others as shall hereafter be formed north and west of some geographical lines. The Grand Sire finds nothing in our Constitution which directly forbids it. The expediency of the measure he submits to the R. W. Grand Lodge.

The Grand Sire would call the attention of the R. W. Grand Lodge to the state of our foreign correspondence. It is known that brothers visiting England find much difficulty, owing to some slight changes made in the work by the Manchester Moveable Committee of Great Britain. He has attempted to remedy the evil himself by a correspondence with the Manchester Moveable Committee; but failed, owing to the brother by whom he sent out not being able to remain a sufficient time.

Your Grand Sire is happy to announce to you, that he has received information of the existence and contemplated organization of our Order in the new and flourishing republic of Texas. The brethren in Houston have already taken the preliminary steps. When officially informed of their proceedings, it will be desirable to open with the brethren, a prompt and cordial correspondence, and to communicate all the information their new situation may require.

Very respectfully and fraternally,

SAMUEL H. PERKINS, *Grand Sire.*

Whereupon, on motion of Rep. Sanderson, of Kentucky, the report was laid on the table.

Rep. Sanderson, of Kentucky, offered the following, which was concurred in.

Resolved, That the Committee of Correspondence be discharged from the further consideration of the alterations,* if any, that have been made in the Order in Great

* *Consideration of the alterations.*—This committee having been raised for a special object of communication, considered itself restrained from extending its epistle to any subject not intimately connected with the matter of reference. Hence the letter of inquiry to the A. M. C. of 1833, which we subjoin, does not take the general range usual in notes of intercommunication.

" *To the A. M. C., Manchester Unity, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Great Britain.*

M. W. Grand Master, Officers and Brethren—

For a few years past, from unknown causes, the interchange of civilities between your M. W. body and the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. of O. F., having been unfortunately suspended, we have mutually been prevented from being officially apprised of each others acts; the consequences resulting from which have been injurious to the benevolent objects of the institution, and in a great degree destructive of the social bonds by which the members under your jurisdiction are united to those under ours.

From credible authority, we learn that members in good standing from our lodges have visited England, with cards in their hands, and on their return, report that they were not permitted to enter any lodge of the Unity, from the want of *new* signs, etc. etc. On the other hand, brothers from England, who call on us in large numbers, are excluded from entering our lodges, by reason of their not being *correct in the signs*, etc. etc., as known to us. And in many instances where relief has been necessary, the funds intended for such purposes could not, it was thought, be applied; and in some cases, suffering brethren have only been able to be assisted by the aid of private donations.

These, and other circumstances, assure us that great and important changes have been made in the secret language, signs, etc., of the Order under your jurisdiction, by the authority or sanction of your R. W. body. Such changes having been made, and not officially communicated to the Order in the United States, the two great branches of the brotherhood have been, effectually for the time, alienated from each other.

and that the same be referred to P. G. Kennedy, of New York; P. G. Sire, and P. G. M. Neilson, of Maryland.

Neilson, of Maryland, called up the report of the Grand Sire, was, on motion, referred to a committee of three.

Grand Sire appointed as the committee, Rep's Pearce, of Pennsylvania; Towers, of Virginia; and Borrows, of District of Columbia.

motion of Rep Sanderson, of Kentucky, the Grand Lodge adjourned six o'clock, this afternoon.

MONDAY, 4 o'clock, P. M.

Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, the Officers due representation.

Pearce, of Pennsylvania, moved that — number of Installation be printed, which was concurred in.

Pearce, of Pennsylvania, moved that the sum of \$30 be passed to dit of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and the sum of \$45 49 be to the credit of Monroe Lodge, No. 2, of Indiana, which motion

ed. communication was received from the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, information relative to their account with this body, &c.

reupon, on motion, of Rep. Pearce, of Pennsylvania, the communication was referred to the Committee on Returns.

following bills were presented, viz:

Sire Perkins, travelling expenses, 1837 and 1838,	\$50 00
J. Sire Leise, " " 1838,	35 25

motion, the bills were referred to the Committee of Finance.

Towers, of Virginia, presented a communication relating to the residence had between Virginius Lodge, No. 3, Virginia; and Travellers' Rest Lodge, No. 1, St. Louis, Missouri: in reference to the admission of Peter W. Kenaday, to membership in said Travellers' Rest Lodge, Missouri: and moved that the same be referred to a special committee, which motion prevailed.

Right Worship, the Grand Lodge of the United States, at its Annual Session in October, 1838, at the city of Baltimore, state of Maryland, had this subject under consideration, and unanimously adopted the following, viz:

Resolved, (which we note is here recited)

That on page 136, accompanying printed proceedings of that Session.

Whereof the above cited resolution, the committee thereby appointed respectfully present it to your serious attention, as one worthy in importance of your first consideration, in the that be timely and wise action, the brotherhood may be issued together more closely than at present.

Resolved that if changes have been made, full and complete intelligence will be communicated, and as to the alterations themselves, as to the causes which have led you to adopt them, addressing you in this important matter, permit this committee also to suggest the propriety of establishing a regular interchange of yearly positions. The advantage of such an act is so manifest, that it is not deemed requisite to offer evidence. And its practicability is one of a concrete and palpable kind.

Highly important subjects are now submitted to you with entire confidence that you will so act as to secure the advancement and prosperity of the best interests of the Order, that in the end, the welfare may be maintained between the membership of the two supreme

By order of the committee, and in the behalf of F. L. KENNEDY.

JOHN A. KENNEDY, Chairman of Committee.

211 Greenwich street, New York.

14 Apr 1839

The Grand Sire appointed as the committee, Rep's Ridgely, of Ohio; Pearce, of Pennsylvania; Glazier, of Delaware; Lucas, of Louisiana; and Borrows, of District of Columbia.

P. G. Sire Wildey, Travelling Agent, presented the following report, which on motion of Rep. Pearce, of Pennsylvania, was laid on the table.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

Agreeably to the instructions contained in the resolutions, under which he was appointed, your Travelling Agent would respectfully report : That he left Baltimore on the duties of his appointment in the latter part of March last, for Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; taking Brownsville in his route. The lodge at the latter place he learned was extinct. He remained at Pittsburg eight days, and visited all the lodges and Encampments located in that city, giving them such instructions and information as their circumstances required. Saw the D. D. Grand Master of Pennsylvania, for the counties of Allegany, Westmoreland and Fayette, brother John B. Sheriff. The brothers of Pittsburg complained of being neglected by their state Grand Lodge, stated that they never had received the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States, nor other information necessary to enable them to travel. Your Agent has since been informed, that most of the causes of complaint have been removed; the Grand Master of the state having visited them, and as far as possible remedied the evils under which they labored. Your Agent's duty there, as well as in all other places under the jurisdiction of state Grand Lodges, was confined to imparting instruction in the principles and Work of the Order; and communicating information. He endeavoured carefully to abstain from the exercise of any power which might seem to conflict with the authority of the state Grand Lodge, to which they owed direct obedience. He left Pittsburg with flattering hopes that the Order in Pennsylvania, will outlive all persecutions and surmount all difficulties.

From Pittsburg, your Agent went to Steubenville, Ohio:—attended a meeting of Jefferson Lodge, No. 6; found the brethren more perfect in the Order than could be expected; and desirous of advancement. Many of them applied for degrees, which your Agent conferred; and gave them all necessary information to enable them to go forward. So zealous were some of the members of the Encampment at Steubenville for information that they accompanied your Agent to Wheeling, Virginia. At Wheeling the Order is not as flourishing as was expected. After communicating the necessary instructions and correcting their errors, which had obtained both in the Lodge and in the Encampment, he departed for Cincinnati, Ohio. With characteristic hospitality the brethren had appointed a committee to receive the Agent of the Grand Lodge of the United States; and on all suitable occasions manifested their attachment and respect to this Grand Lodge, by their attention to the Agent. The Grand Lodge of Ohio—the Encampment and subordinate lodges in Cincinnati, are well informed in the principles and Work of the Order, and required but few instructions. All that were necessary, were promptly communicated.

The members of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, and several members of the subordinate lodges, with an excellent band of music, accompanied your Agent on his way to Louisville, Kentucky. At Louisville, he was met by

the M. W. Grand Master and Officers of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. At Louisville he remained a week, visiting the Grand Lodge, the Encampment, and the subordinate lodges, giving them information and instructions, much of which was new to them. The subordinate lodges were flourishing, and the members correct and perfect in the Work of the Order.

At Natchez, where your Agent arrived on the 25th of April, the brethren had appointed a committee to receive him; and although the late arrival of the boat deprived him of the honor of a public reception, the compliment intended for the Grand Lodge of the United States, was duly appreciated. On the next day there was a very handsome public procession of the brethren, which was conducted with great propriety, and according to the regulations of the Grand Lodge of the United States. By invitation from a committee of the brethren, your Agent joined in the procession. All who took part in it were clothed in full and handsome regalia. During his stay there, he visited Mississippi Lodge, No. 1, and established Washington Lodge, No. 2, and gave them all the instruction they required.

While at Natchez, your Agent received a proper and constitutional application from a number of Patriarchs, for a charter for an Encampment, to be called "Wikley Encampment, No. 1. I. O. O. F.," and to be located at the city of Natchez. Believing himself clothed with all necessary authority under the appointment of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, your Agent granted the prayer of the petitioners—opened the Encampment in usual form, and installed the officers. Applications were immediately received from some of the most respectable citizens for initiation and membership, upon whom your Agent had the pleasure of conferring the Patriarchal degrees, before leaving Natchez.

Being detained a few days, he received a petition in due form from the requisite number of brethren for a charter for a Grand Lodge for the state of Mississippi, to be located in Natchez. Acting as he conceived within the legitimate scope of the power granted by this R. W. Grand Lodge, he granted the petition, and on the 4th of May, 1838, had the pleasure of installing their Officers. After remaining there two weeks, he left them with every prospect of great usefulness and success.

He arrived at New Orleans on the very evening of a public procession by the brethren: and by invitation of a committee, immediately joined in the ceremony. After remaining with the brethren a week, visiting the subordinate lodges, and communicating instructions, your Agent departed for Mobile.

At Mobile, after having visited and instructed the subordinate lodge, he received a regular petition from a sufficient number of duly qualified Patriarchs for a charter for an Encampment to be held at Mobile, and to be called "Ararat Encampment, No. 1." He granted the petition—opened the Encampment—and installed their officers. After remaining with them two weeks, communicating the necessary instruction, he returned to New Orleans. While there, he received a petition in due form, from a number of brethren at Mobile, for a charter for a lodge to be located at Mobile, and to be called the "Mobile Lodge, No. 2." Believing that it would be for the good of the Order, he granted the petition on the 2d of June, 1838.

Your Agent remained in New Orleans three weeks in all, and during that time visited the Grand Lodge, and the Encampment—gave the brethren every instruction and information in the work and principles of the Order; and corrected what slight errors had inadvertently crept in. While at New Orleans, he received a request from a number of brethren of New Orleans, that he would grant a charter for a lodge to be located at Houston,* in the neighboring Republic of Texas; and entrust it to a Past Grand of Louisiana Lodge, with power to fill it up. Your Agent complied with the request; and left a charter signed by the Officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and under its seal. He did not receive the usual fee for this charter.

From New Orleans he went to St. Louis, Missouri; visited 'Travellers' Rest Lodge, No. 1, every night for the first week after his arrival, for the purpose of communicating instruction. While there he received a petition in due form for a charter for a lodge to be located at St. Louis, and to be called "Wilkey Lodge, No. 2." The application being found in all respects regular, was granted—the lodge opened and the officers duly installed. A petition was also presented for a charter for an Encampment to be located at St. Louis, and called "Wilkey Encampment, No. 1." Before leaving St. Louis, your Agent received a petition for a charter for a Grand Lodge for the state of Missouri, to be located at St. Louis. The application being in all respects regular, was granted—the Grand Lodge was constituted and her Officers duly installed. After remaining with the brethren at St. Louis three weeks—giving them all needful instructions in the principles and work of the Order, he left them, with every prospect of continued prosperity.

He next visited Alton, in the state of Illinois, where he remained two weeks. Here he found the Order suffering from that which has at all times checked its prosperity; he means the ill-judged leniency of suffering members to become largely in arrears for their dues. The brethren, however, seem animated with a proper spirit; and on the 20th of June presented a petition in due form, for a charter for a lodge, to be located at Alton, and to be called, "Alton Lodge, No. 2." Their request was granted, the lodge duly constituted, and their officers installed. A charter for an Encampment to be located in the same place, and called "Wilkey Encampment, No. 1," was also granted on the application of a number of patriarchs—the Encampment opened, and their officers installed. After your Agent had left Alton, he received from the brethren in Illinois a petition in due form, for a charter for a Grand Lodge for the state of Illinois, which he granted, and on his return from Galena; he constituted the same and installed the officers. He indulges high hopes for the prosperity and consequent usefulness of the Order in Illinois.

At Greenville, in the state of Illinois, he met with a number of brethren, among whom was P. G. — Clarke, formerly of Harper's Ferry. They were desirous of organizing a lodge, and presented a petition in due form for a lodge to be located at Greenville, and called "Clarke Lodge, No.

* A lodge to be located at Houston.—This was the first lodge opened in a foreign land, under the sanction of the Grand Lodge of the United States. It was instituted on the 25th July, 1838, under the style of "Lone Star Lodge, No. 1, of Texas." The committee on the report of the Travelling Agent, in reporting on the charters issued, and which were confirmed by the Grand Lodge, does not include this Lodge in the list; it therefore appears to remain unconfirmed.

3." The charter was granted—and the brethren instructed in the Work of the Order. He next stopped at Vandalia, which was the only place where he did not find a brother of the Order. At Springfield he met with one brother. There were others, but they could not conveniently be assembled before he left. There had been a meeting of the brethren in that neighborhood for the purpose of organizing a Lodge. All necessary information was given to the brothers how to proceed in future. On your Agent's arrival at Jacksonville, he found a number of brethren with a petition for a charter for a lodge to be located at that place, and called "Illinois Lodge, No. 4." Their request was granted—lodge opened and officers installed. After remaining with them nearly a week, conferring degrees and communicating all necessary instructions, he left for Quinsey.

At this place there were but three brothers; though others were residing at no great distance. All necessary information was imparted to them. From Quinsey your Agent proceeded to Debuque; at which place having ascertained that there was but two Odd Fellows, I counselled them as to the proper steps for organization, in the event of an increase in their numbers. Hence, I visited Galena, where I found fifteen members, among whom was P. G. Master Potts, one of the oldest of the Order in Pennsylvania. Here a petition was presented to me for the opening of a lodge, styled "No. 5," in the state of Illinois; which being in constitutional form, I granted. I take occasion with great gratification to remark, that the spirit which animated the fraternity at Galena, induced me to entertain strong hopes of the vigorous growth of Odd Fellowship in that vicinity. A lot of ground was presented to them upon which the erection of a hall is immediately anticipated. From Galena I embarked for Mineral Point, in Iowa. In this territory I found Odd Fellowship progressing with equal pace with all the institutions of a new and flourishing country. The brethren appeared generally well informed in the work; and although somewhat neglectful in their fiscal affairs, were in a much better condition than I expected to find them. Your Agent here opened an Encampment and an additional subordinate lodge upon proper application, and I have no doubt that the Order will steadily advance in Iowa. I had the pleasure during my sojournment among them, to participate in the ceremony of laying the corner stone of a spacious hall, which they are now erecting; and I feel great delight in reporting to the Grand Lodge of the United States, the fact, that the occasion was celebrated in a manner, which would have done credit to the most experienced lodge in the states. An oration, distinguished alike for its eloquence and chasteness, was pronounced by one of the brethren, and one common generous glow seemed to pervade the whole family, auguring the brightest prospects for Odd Fellowship in that region. In view of the zeal manifested in the work, and the certainty of a very rapid increase in the Order in this section of the west, I deemed it proper to commit the superintendence of the interests of the Order here, to competent heads; and accordingly appointed P. G. M. Potts as D. D. Grand Master for this interesting district of Odd Fellowship.

Upon my return from Mineral Point, on my way I re-visited Galena, thence to Alton, where I opened their Grand Lodge, and installed the Grand Officers, and imparted with great care all necessary instructions in the work of the Order. I also re-visited St. Louis, and agreeably passed

an evening in the body of their Encampment. At New Albany, in the state of Indiana, I met the Grand Lodge of the state, officiated at the installation of their officers, visited their Encampment and the subordinate lodge located there, and the one also at Jeffersonville—some inadvertant errors in the work here, it became necessary to correct; and with great gratification it becomes me to say, that the proper spirit here also animates the fraternity.

Hence, your Agent proceeded to Louisville, Lexington, Kentucky, and Madison, and Rising Sun Lodges, Ind., at which places respectively he visited the lodges, instructed the members, and gave all necessary information, which was cheerfully received, and appreciated. At Madison, Indiana, upon proper application, your Agent opened an Encampment, and installed the officers. Thence he proceeded to Cincinnati, where Odd Fellowship flourishes as an indigenous plant, destined ere long to overshadow the growth of her elder sister cities in the work. An eligibly situated lot of ground has been purchased by the Grand Lodge in the city of Cincinnati, upon which it is purposed to erect an Odd Fellows' Hall, upon a magnificent scale. The sum of fifty thousand dollars is the estimated cost of this edifice, the completion of which is confidently expected to be effected in one year. I visited the lodges at Covington, Kentucky, Lancaster and Dayton in Ohio, at which latter place I regularly opened an Encampment and delivered the proper instructions. Hence I departed homeward, visiting the brethren at Steubenville, Wheeling and Pittsburg, and communicating freely with them upon the interesting and important business of the Order. My labors here terminating, I returned to the city of Baltimore, on the 1st day of October, having occupied a period exceeding seven months, and travelled a distance of eight thousand miles in the accomplishment of the trust committed to my charge. From your worthy Representatives of the states, and my co-laborers in Odd Fellowship, I received the appointment of Travelling Agent of the Grand Lodge of the United States. The duties of the office have been performed, whether to your satisfaction is not with me to say. Its functions have been arduous, its importance and responsibilities weighty. Entertaining for the welfare of the Order, as you well know, the most affectionate solicitude, it has been my highest pride and ambition to discharge faithfully the trust; and in the honest sincerity of my heart I do assure you that all my doings are most frankly submitted, awaiting in the spirit of Odd Fellowship, and in cheerful acquiescence your deliberations upon this report.

And now permit me in conclusion to congratulate you as the great head of Odd Fellowship in America, upon the cheering prospects exhibited in our great family, of union, harmony and concord, and to unite with you in returning the acknowledgments of grateful hearts to the great Architect of the Universe, for the guardian protection of which he has been pleased to extend to the Institutions of Odd Fellowship, throughout our happy land.

Respectfully submitted by your brother.

THOMAS WILDEY,
Travelling Agent of G. L. of U. S

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until nine o'clock, to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, October 2d, 9 o'clock, A. M.

and Lodge met pursuant to adjournment : Present, the Officers representation.

Wilson, of Maryland, presented a petition from brother Levi G., and others, praying for a charter for a lodge to be located Alabama.

It was presented from J. B. Campbell, David Ream, George John N. Strother, Philip Shearer, Robert W. Read, and William Praying for a charter for an Encampment of Patriarchs, to be Winchester, Virginia, and hailed as "Widow's Friend Encampment No. —."

It was presented from the officers and members of Mt. Hebron Lodge, No. 2, New York, praying for a charter, in lieu of the lodge held from No. 1.

Also, the petitions were referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Also presented from N. Hickman, for stationary, amounting to

Also, the bill was referred to the Committee of Finance.

Brothers, of District of Columbia, offered the following proposition: That Article II. of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be so amended as to read after the words, "Deputy Grand Sire,"—"Grand Recording Secretary, Grand Corresponding Secretary."

That Article VI. of the Constitution be so amended as to read in place of, instead of "Grand Secretary,"—"Grand Recording Secretary," also, in lines six and seven, strike out the words, "write all communications when required."

That said Article be further amended, so as to add an additional clause as follows:

Grand Corresponding Secretary shall write all letters and communications, and carry on under the direction of the Grand Lodge, or the correspondence; and transact such business of this Grand Lodge pertaining to his office, as may be required of him by the Grand Lodge, maintaining his continuance in office. All communications transmitted to him, shall be presented to the Grand Lodge for its consideration.

That Article III. be so amended as to read in place of "Grand Secretary"—thus, "Grand Recording Secretary, Grand Corresponding Secretary."

And after the word "Grand Treasurer,"—thus, "all officers shall be elected biennially at the stated meeting in October, (except the Grand Corresponding Secretary, who shall be elected during the term of this Grand Lodge;) and who shall be duly, &c."

These amendments were laid over until the next Annual Communication.

Brother Glazier, of Delaware, moved that the Grand Lodge do now proceed to make nominations for Grand Officers for the next term, which was seconded.

For M. W. Grand Sire.

Perkins was nominated for re-election, and declined.

Also, the following nominations were made, viz.

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By Rep. Glazier, of Delaware, P. G. M. Howell Hopkins, of Pennsylvania.

By Rep. Kennedy, of New York, P. G. M. John Pearce, of Pennsylvania.

By Rep. Lucas, of Louisiana, P. G. M. A. Mondelli, of Louisiana.

By Rep. Borrows, of District of Columbia, P. G. M. George M. Bam, of Virginia.

Pending the nominations for Grand Sire, Rep. Ridgely, of Ohio, submitted a resolution.

Whereupon, Rep. Kennedy, of New York, moved that the nominations for Grand Sire be suspended, in order that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Reports, which was determined in the negative, on a division. Affirmative 4. Negative 7.

On motion, the resolution was then referred to a special committee.

The Grand Sire appointed as the committee, Rep's Ridgely, of Ohio; Borrows, of District of Columbia; and Lucas, of Louisiana.

Rep. Glazier, of Delaware, moved that the Grand Lodge suspend, for the present, the nomination for Grand Sire, which was concurred in.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to receive nominations for the residue of the officers.

For D. Grand Sire.

By Rep. Kennedy, of New York, P. G. M. A. Mondelli, of Louisiana.

By Rep. Glazier, of Delaware, P. G. M. Henry S. Sanderson, of Maryland.

By Rep. Neilson, of Maryland, P. G. M. James Alcock, of New York.

By Rep. Pearce, of Pennsylvania, P. G. M. William C. Branin, of New Jersey.

For Grand Secretary.

P. G. M. Robert Neilson, and P. D. G. M. William G. Cook, of Maryland.

For Grand Treasurer.

P. G. Andrew E. Warner, of Maryland.

On motion, the report of the Travelling Agent was called up, and referred to the Committee on Reports.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet this afternoon, at three o'clock.

TUESDAY, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, the Officers and a due representation.

Rep. Pearce, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Reports, reported, that having examined the report of the Travelling Agent, would recommend that the Committee on Reports be discharged from the further consideration of the same, and that it be referred to a special committee of three.

On motion, the report was accepted and the reference as recommended, ordered.

The Grand Sire appointed Rep's Neilson, of Maryland; Towers, of Virginia; and Borrows, of District of Columbia, the committee.

Rep. Neilson, of Maryland, asked leave to be excused from serving on Committee on Reports, which was granted.

The Grand Sire appointed Rep. Glazier, of Delaware, as a member of Committee on Reports, in place of Rep. Neilson, of Maryland, excused.

Rep. Ridgely, of Ohio, from the special committee, to whom was referred the resolution offered by him this morning, submitted a report.

Rep. Borrows, of District of Columbia, moved that the same be laid on the table, which was determined in the negative.

Rep. Neilson, of Maryland, moved that the report be re-committed, with instructions to report a general law on the subject to which it relates, such motion did not prevail.

Rep. Glazier, of Delaware, moved that the Grand Lodge do now proceed to the consideration of the report of the special committee.

The yeas and nays being called, were as follows:—

Yeas—Rep's Kennedy, Pearce, 2 votes; McCulley, and Glazier—5.

Nays—Rep's Neilson, 2 votes; Borrows, Ridgely, Lucas, Sanderson, Myers, and P. G. Sires Wildey and Gettys—9.

The Grand Lodge then received further nominations for Grand Sire, to-wit:

By Rep. Sanderson, of Kentucky, P. G. M. Zenas B. Glazier, of Delaware.

The Grand Lodge then, on motion of Rep. Sanderson, of Kentucky, proceeded to the election of Grand Officers.

The Grand Sire appointed as tellers, Rep's Kennedy, of New York, and Sanderson, of Kentucky.

The tellers reported that P. G. M. Zenas B. Glazier, had received a majority of all the votes cast for Grand Sire; P. G. M. A. Mondelli had received a majority of the votes for D. Grand Sire; P. D. G. M. William G. Cook, had in like manner received a majority of the votes for Grand Secretary; and that P. G. Andrew E. Warner had received all the votes for Grand Treasurer.

Whereupon, the Grand Sire declared the following named brothers elected, viz:

P. G. M. ZENAS B. GLAZIER, of Delaware, M. W. G. Sire.

P. G. M. A. MONDELLI, of Louisiana, R. W. D. G. Sire.

P. D. G. M. WILLIAM G. COOK, of Maryland, R. W. G. Secretary, and

P. G. ANDREW E. WARNER, of Maryland, R. W. G. Treasurer.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until ten o'clock, to-morrow evening.

WEDNESDAY, October 3d, 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, the Officers and a due representation.

The Grand Secretary presented the credentials of P. G. Sire Thomas Wildey, as Proxy Rep. of Mississippi, together with the report of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, and Wildey Encampment, No. 1, Mississippi; and, On motion, were referred to a special committee.*

The Grand Sire appointed Rep. Neilson, of Maryland, and ———, the committee.

The Grand Secretary presented a communication from R. Hazlewood, of Richmond, Virginia, which was referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

Rep. Towers, of Virginia, offered the following resolution.

Resolved, That the resolution reported at the last session of the Grand Lodge of the United States by the committee to whom was referred "the subject of inquiring into the propriety of the use of the Encampment Regalia," and adopted by the Grand Lodge, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Rep. Pearce, of Pennsylvania, moved that the resolution be referred to a special committee of five, which motion prevailed.

The Grand Sire appointed as the committee, Rep's Towers, of Virginia; Glazier, of Delaware; Kennedy, of New York; Borrows, of District of Columbia; and P. G. Sire Wildey.

Rep. Neilson, of Maryland, offered the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the price paid for Initiation and the several Degrees, of subordinate Lodges and Encampments, by the several Grand Lodges, Grand Encampments, and subordinate Lodges and Encampments working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, be referred to a special committee, and that they be directed to take into consideration the propriety of making the same uniform and distinct throughout the United States.

On motion, it was

Ordered, That the committee consist of three, of whom the Grand Sire shall be one, and Chairman thereof.

The Grand Sire appointed in conjunction, Rep's Neilson, of Maryland; and Pearce, of Pennsylvania.

Rep. Sanderson, of Kentucky, offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary have procured thirty copies of the Constitution, By-Laws, and General Rules of the Order, bound in pamphlet form, for the use of the members of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Neilson, of Maryland, presented two resolutions, passed by the Grand Lodge of Maryland, relative to membership and office in the Grand Lodge of the United States, and moved to refer the same to a special committee of three, which was concurred in.

The Chair named Rep's Neilson, of Maryland; Glazier, of Delaware; and Sanderson, of Kentucky, as the committee.

P. G. Sire Wildey submitted the following amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States, which was referred to the next Annual Communication.

That the Constitution be so altered as to allow the Grand Lodge of the United States to hold its meeting on the fourth Monday in October, in lieu of the first Monday in October.

P. G. Sire Wildey offered the following, which was determined in the negative.

* *Special Committee*.—There is no record of the persons composing this committee. The reports are signed by the Chairman only.

Resolved, That the amount of dues sent to the Grand Lodge of the United States, either for charter or per centage, must be in money current where the Grand Lodge of the United States is located.

P. G. Sire Wildey offered the following, which was read and decided in the affirmative.

Resolved, That each state Grand Lodge shall furnish their Representative with all documents and papers belonging to him, instead of sending them to the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until this afternoon, at four o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, 4 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, the Officers, and a due representation.

Rep. Sanderson, of Kentucky, from the Committee on Petitions, presented the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the Petition of J. B. Campbell and others, praying for a charter for an Encampment of Patriarchs to be located at Winchester, Virginia, and hailed by the title of "Widows' Friend Encampment, No. 5," beg leave to report favorably, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

HENRY S. SANDERSON,
JAMES L. RIDGELY,
WILLIAM TOWERS.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution adopted.

Rep. Sanderson, of Kentucky, from the Committee on Petitions, presented the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition of the Officers and members of Mt. Hebron Encampment, No. 2. of New York, requesting a new charter for said Encampment in lieu of the dispensation under which it now works, beg leave to report the following resolution:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners* be granted without fee.

HENRY S. SANDERSON,
WILLIAM TOWERS,
JAMES L. RIDGELY.

On motion the report was accepted and the resolution adopted.

* *The prayer of the petitioners.*—The persons composing this Encampment were the same who applied to the Grand Lodge of the United States for a charter, at the August Session of 1834, and were refused. They subsequently applied to the Encampment indicated by the Grand Lodge, and received the dispensation here surrendered; since which time the whole of the members composing the mother Encampment had acceded by acknowledging the authority and superintendence of a body claiming to be a Grand Lodge, unauthorized by the Grand Lodge of the United States—thus vitiating any powers of superintendence it might be supposed to possess. The powers relative to Encampments, in the state of New York, had reverted again to the Grand Lodge of the United States, by the recall of the original charter of the Grand Lodge of that state, in May of 1837, and had been retained by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Rep. Sanderson, of Kentucky, from the Committee on Petitions, presented the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the application for a charter to open a Lodge at Mobile, Alabama, from P. G. Levi Kelum, and others ; and, also, the protest against the granting said charter, from certain brethren in Mobile, ask leave to report, that from all the facts which they have been able to learn in connexion with the subject, they are of the opinion that the welfare of the Order, will *not* be advanced by granting the application of the petitioners. They, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners at present.

HENRY S. SANDERSON,
WILLIAM TOWERS,
JAMES L. RIDGELY.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution adopted.

Rep. Ridgely, of Ohio, from a majority of the special committee, to whom was referred the correspondence between Virginius Lodge, No. 3, Virginia, and Travellers' Rest Lodge, No. 1, Missouri, presented the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The select committee to whom was referred the correspondence between Virginius Lodge, of Virginia ; and Travellers' Rest Lodge, of St. Louis, Missouri ; in reference to the admission of P. W. Kenaday to membership in Travellers' Rest Lodge, beg leave to report, that there is existing at this time state Grand Lodges in Virginia and Missouri, the subject is properly referable to them, and this Grand Lodge at this stage of the matter has no jurisdiction of the subject. They, therefore, ask leave respectfully to be discharged from the further consideration of it.

JAMES L. RIDGELY,
SAMUEL LUCAS,
JOHN PEARCE.

Rep. Glazier, of Delaware, from a minority of the special committee, to whom was referred the correspondence between Virginius Lodge, No. 3, Virginia, and Travellers' Rest Lodge, No. 1, Missouri, presented the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The minority of the committee to whom was referred the correspondence between Virginius Lodge of Virginia, and Travellers' Rest Lodge, of Missouri, in reference to the admission of Peter W. Kenaday to membership in Travellers' Rest Lodge, beg leave to report : That the admission of said member by a lodge (at the time under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and in the opinion of the said minority, still under its jurisdiction,) is a violation of its duty to this Grand Lodge ; and a want of proper respect to the Grand Lodge of Virginia, and to Virginius Lodge under

jurisdiction of said Grand Lodge. The minority considering it the duty of any subordinate lodge, (whether under the government state Grand Lodge or not) to notice and report to this Grand Lodge, infringements of the regulations of the Order by lodges under the dis-son of this Grand Lodge, recommend the adoption of the following motion.

ZENAS B. GLAZIER,
JOSEPH BORROWS.

Resolved, That Travellers' Rest Lodge, in Missouri, be informed by the Grand Secretary, of the charges preferred against it by Virginius Lodge, in the state of Virginia, through the Grand Representative of Virginia, and be instructed, if the same can be correctly reported, that this Grand Lodge requires that the grievance complained of by Virginius Lodge be corrected.

On motion, the reports were laid on the table.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet at eight o'clock, this evening.

WEDNESDAY, 8 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment; Present, the Officers and a due representation.

On motion, the reports, as submitted, relative to the correspondence between Virginius Lodge No. 3, Virginia, and Travellers' Rest Lodge No. 1, Louisiana, Missouri, were taken up for consideration.

Rep. Towers, of Virginia, moved that the report of the majority, be postponed, in order to first consider the report of the minority. The yeas and nays on that question being called, were as follows:

Yeas—Rep's Borrows, Glazier, McCulley and Towers—4.

Nays—Rep's Kennedy, Pearce, 2 votes; and P. G. Sire Wildey—4.

There being an equality of votes, the Grand Sire gave the casting vote in the negative.

So the motion was lost.

The question then recurring on the acceptance of the report, offered by the majority of the committee. The yeas and nays being called, were as follows:

Yeas—Rep's Kennedy, Pearce, 2 votes; and P. G. Sire Wildey—4.

Nays—Rep's Borrows, Glazier, McCulley and Towers—4.

There being a tie, the Grand Sire gave the casting vote in the affirmative.

The report of the majority was therefore adopted.

On motion of Rep. Pearce, of Pennsylvania, the Grand Secretary was directed to inform the Grand Lodges of Virginia and Missouri, of the decision of this body in the premises.

Rep. Pearce, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee of Finance, presented the following report.

the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee of Finance to whom was referred the claims of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, respectfully report:

That in examining the accounts, it is ascertained that the amount of *thirty dollars* was received by this Grand Lodge from the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, for the Grand Charter; and has not been credited in the published proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge of Kentucky, claims a portion of the per centage paid by Washington Lodge, No. 3, into this treasury. The Grand Lodge of the United States having in all cases relinquished her claims to the per centum of subordinate lodges, from the date of the grant of a Grand Lodge charter, whilst retaining its direct authority and control over the subordinates, until the organization of the Grand Lodge, the committee conceive this claim of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, to be well founded, and that the amount should be carried to the credit of that Grand Lodge; but the committee are unable to ascertain the exact sum to which it is entitled, in consequence of Washington Lodge having united her *five* first quarterly reports into one report, and thus deprived your committee of the means of determining the amount of dues received which accrued since the grant of the Grand charter. Your committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN PEARCE,
JOHN A. KENNEDY,
JOHN McCULLEY.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and is hereby instructed to request the Grand Lodge of Kentucky to furnish him with a distinct statement of each quarterly account of receipts by Washington Lodge, No. 3, for the first *six* terms of its existence; and to credit on the books of the Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, the amount received as per centum for those terms, ending after first of September, 1835.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution adopted.

Rep. McCulley, of New Jersey, offered the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the sum of twenty dollars owing by the Grand Lodge of New Jersey be, and the same is hereby remitted.

P. G. Sire Wildey offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Work of the Order for subordinate lodges be translated into the French language, and printed.

Rep. Pearce, of Pennsylvania, moved that the resolution be so amended, as to say "without expense to this Grand Lodge." The yeas and nays were called on the amendment, and were as follows:

YEAS—Rep's Pearce, 2 votes; Borrows, Glazier, McCulley and Towers—6.

NAYS—Rep. Kennedy and P. G. Sire Wildey—2.

The amendment was therefore adopted.

The question recurring on the resolution as amended, was decided in the affirmative.

P. G. Sire Wildey offered the following, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to have thirty Grand Encampment charters printed.

Rep. Pearce, of Pennsylvania, from the special committee to whom was referred the report of the Grand Sire, reported in part, as follows:

W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

Committee on the papers transmitted by the brethren of the Order, Albany, beg leave to report the following resolution :

That a select committee of three be appointed by the Grand Sire, whose duty shall be to visit Albany, and endeavour to impress upon the brethren in Alençon and the surrounding counties, the propriety and necessity of their submission to the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New York.

JOHN PEARCE,
WILLIAM TOWERS,
JOSEPH BORROWS.

On the report was accepted, and the resolution adopted. Rep. Kennedy, of New York, offered the following, which was adopted.

That the accounts of receipts and expenditures of this Grand Lodge be referred to a Committee of Finance.

On the report was accepted, and the resolution adopted. Rep. Kennedy, of New York, offered the following, which was adopted.

THURSDAY, October 4th, 11 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, the Officers and Brethren in representation.

Rep. Kennedy, of New York, from the special committee to whom was referred the subject of Encampment Regalia, presented the following resolution :

W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

Committee to whom was referred the resolution offered by Rep. Kennedy, of Virginia, on the subject of Encampment Regalia, beg leave to report the following resolution :

That, in view of a mature reflection, the committee cannot recommend any change in the established principle of requiring each branch of the Order to use its own regalia, and to keep as distinct as possible the work and business of lodge business from the Encampment business. The committee would therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

JOHN A. KENNEDY,
ZENAS B. GLAZIER,
THOMAS WILDEY.

On the report was accepted.

Rep. Kennedy, of New York, the vote on the acceptance of the report of the special committee on the subject of Encampment Regalia was considered, and the report re-committed.

Rep. Borrows, of District of Columbia, having read a communication from the Grand Lodge of District of Columbia, offered the following resolution, which, at his request, was laid on the table.

That the Grand Sire may nominate, whenever he deems the same necessary, a qualified Past Grand in each state, district and territory, whose duty shall be to visit at least once a year each lodge working under a warrant from the Grand Lodge of the United States.

a state, district or territorial Grand Lodge, or under a warrant granted by this Grand Lodge, and communicate such information and instruction as may be directed by this Grand Lodge. And when a charter for a Grand Lodge or Encampment shall be granted, where no Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment exists, the Past Grand so appointed, shall attend and perform the ceremony of opening and installation. He shall bear the title of District Deputy Grand Sire of the United States, of the I. O. of O. F. One half of the expenses necessarily incurred by him in such visitation or visitations, shall be paid by this Grand Lodge, and the other half by the subordinate lodge, when such lodge is working under the government of this Grand Lodge, and the state, district or territorial Grand Lodge, when the subordinate lodges visited are working under their jurisdiction.

Rep. Towers, of Virginia, from the special committee to whom was re-committed the report on the subject of Encampment Regalia, presented the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The committee to whom was referred the resolution offered by Rep. Towers, of Virginia, concerning Encampment Regalia, respectfully report by the accompanying resolution.

WILLIAM TOWERS,
JOHN A. KENNEDY,
ZENAS B. GLAZIER,
JOSEPH BORROWS,
THOMAS WILDEY.

Resolved, That the resolution of the Grand Lodge of the United States at last session, on the subject of Encampment Regalia, does not contain any thing intended to forbid the wearing of the colors of the Encampment, in Grand Lodge, by brothers entitled to those colors.

Rep. Ridgely, of Ohio, moved that the report be re-committed, which was decided in the affirmative.

Rep. Kennedy, of New York, from the special committee to whom was re-committed the report on the subject of Encampment Regalia, submitted the last report, without amendment.

The question recurring on the acceptance of the report, Rep. Pearce, of Pennsylvania, called for the yeas and nays, which were ordered, and were as follows:

YEAS—Rep's Kennedy; Pearce, 2 votes; Glazier, Ridgely, McCulley, and P. G. Sire Wildey—7.

NAYS—Rep's Burrows and Towers—2.

The report was therefore accepted.

The question then recurred on the resolution as submitted, which was decided in the affirmative.

Rep. Kennedy, of New York, offered the following :

Resolved, That each Grand and Subordinate Lodge, and each Grand and Subordinate Encampment be requested to transmit, so soon as possible, to the Grand Lodge of the United States, a proof impression* (in wax) of their respective seals for preservation.

P. G. Sire Gettys moved to amend the resolution, by striking out the words "Grand Lodge," which was decided in the negative.

* *Proof Impressions*.—Comparatively very few responses have been made to this request; most likely from inadvertence. It is not yet too late to enable the Grand Lodge to have prepared a cabinet of the most interesting character to the fraternity, which would be furnished in a tasteful arrangement of several hundred seals.

question then ed on the resolution as submitted, which was ad.

p. Ridgely, of Ohio, moved that the report of the Grand Sire be now up,* which motion prevailed.

p. Pearce, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Reports, presented the following report, which was accepted.

R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

the Committee on Reports have examined the reports of subordinate Lodges referred to them, and ask leave to offer the result of their investigation.

the report of Alabama Lodge, No. 1, for the two quarters ending January 1, 1838, has no seal attached to it; the number of the members are missing in the reports of Travellers' Rest Lodge, No. 1, of St. Louis, for the 10th and 11th quarters; and the reports of Mississippi Lodge, No. 1, for the three quarters ending November 1, 1837, do not contain the names of the officers. With these exceptions, the reports contain all the information required by the regulations of the Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN PEARCE,
WILLIAM TOWERS,
ZENAS B. GLAZIER.

p. Pearce, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Reports, presented the following report, which, on motion of Rep. Sanderson, of Kentucky, was recommended for correction.

p. Ridgely, of Ohio, from the special committee to whom was referred the resolution submitted on Tuesday morning, presented a report, which, on motion of Rep. Pearce, of Pennsylvania, was laid on the table.

p. Pearce, of Pennsylvania from the Committee on Reports, presented the following report.

R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

the Committee on Reports beg leave to report, in part, that they have examined the documents emanating from state Grand Lodges working under authority from the Grand Lodge of the United States, which were referred to them, and give the following as the result of their investigation.

the report from the Grand Lodge of Maryland, there is omitted the names of suspended and expelled members.

the report from the Grand Lodge of New York is correct in all its particulars.

the report of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, is correct, with the exception that the names of suspended members are omitted.

the same omission exists in the report from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Also, in the report from the Grand Lodge of Ohio, there is the same omission. No names of Past Grand Masters appear in this report.

the report from the Grand Lodge of Virginia is correct.

has up.—The most provoking deficiencies occur throughout a great part of the minutes of this year. In this case, we are unable to supply the residue of action. The report was taken up, but in 1838 it was disposed of in uncertain.

The names of expelled and suspended members are omitted in the report from Louisiana. This report also is addressed to the "Right Worshipful," &c., instead of the "Right Worthy," the proper title in this Order.

There is no seal appended to the report from the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, as required.

In the report from the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, the names of suspended members are omitted. The committee are requested to state by the Representative from New Jersey, that, on his return to his Grand Lodge, those names, and the cause for which they were suspended, will be forwarded to the Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

The committee have experienced much difficulty in ascertaining the correctness or incorrectness of the reports from state Grand Lodges, and would, therefore, to avoid future difficulties on the subject, and in order that the reports may hereafter be presented to the Grand Lodge of the United States, accurately made out, offer the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary cause to be printed the necessary form for reports from state Grand Lodges, and forward a requisite number of said blanks to the Secretary of each state Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN PEARCE,
WILLIAM TOWERS,
ZENAS B. GLAZIER.

On motion, the report was accepted, and the resolution adopted.

On motion, the Grand Lodge then adjourned until three o'clock, this afternoon.

THURSDAY, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, the Officers and a due representation.

Rep. Borrows, of District of Columbia, asked to be excused from the special committee to whom was referred the report of the Travelling Agent, which was granted.

The Chair named Rep. Ridgely, of Ohio, to fill the vacancy.

Rep. Pearce, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Reports, presented the following report, which was accepted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Reports have examined all the reports from subordinate Encampments, and beg leave to offer the following report:

1st. The reports of Mt. Hebron Encampment, No. 2, of New York; of Wildey Encampment, No. 1, of New Orleans; of Mt. Horeb Encampment, No. 1, Louisville, Ky.; of Neilson Encampment, at Richmond; and of Abram's Encampment, No. 1, Wheeling, are all right.

2d. The reports of Olive Branch Encampment, Covington, Ky.; of Trenton Encampment, No. 2, Trenton, N. J.; of Jerusalem Encampment, No. 4, Norfolk, Va.; and of Wildey Encampment, at Portsmouth, are all correct, with the exception that they have no seal appended to them.

The reports of Columbia Encampment, at Washington City ; of Cayuga Encampment, at Cincinnati, Ohio, while they show that the members have either been suspended or expelled, do not give the names of members, and have no seals appended, otherwise, they are conformable to law.

The committee in presenting this report, would call the attention of the Grand Lodge, subordinate lodges, and subordinate Encampments, to the forms prescribed by the Grand Lodge of the United States, for their reports, and enforce upon those lodges, the necessity which exists for conforming to those forms. Any other course, besides being contrary to law, always give the committee unnecessary trouble, and occasion much loss of time, in making their report to the Grand Lodge of the United States. These forms will be found in the printed proceedings of this Grand Lodge, for the year 1835.

JOHN PEARCE,
WILLIAM TOWERS,
ZENAS B. GLAZIER.

Mr. Ridgely, of Ohio, moved that the above report be re-considered, and it was concurred in.

On motion, the report was laid on the table.

Mr. Glazier, of Delaware, offered the following, which was unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, be held at the City of Philadelphia.

G. Sire Wildey, presented his bill as Travelling Agent, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee of Finance.

On motion of Rep. Pearce, of Pennsylvania, the report of the Committee Reports, laid on the table, was taken up for consideration.

Hereupon, on motion, the report was adopted.

Mr. Kennedy, of New York, offered the following, which was adopted.

Resolved, That it is irregular to admit any brother into a subordinate lodge, from another Grand Lodge, under the jurisdiction of another Grand Lodge, as member or visitor, unless he presents a certificate under the signature of the officers, and the seal of the lodge, and the counter signature of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the state in which he was a member ; and prove himself in the T. P. W. and the degree in which he is open.

Resolved, That each of the Grand Lodges be notified hereof, in order that measures may be taken to carry the intention of the above resolution into immediate effect.

Mr. Ridgely, of Ohio, called up the report from the special committee, read by him this morning.

A question recurred upon the following resolution, as submitted by the committee, viz :

Resolved, by the Grand Lodge of the United States, That no brother can at the same time hold office or membership in two distinct state Grand Lodges, or subordinate lodges, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge."

Which was unanimously adopted.

A question arose, whether the adoption of the resolution included the adoption of the report of the committee.

The Chair decided that the report was not included, and that it was not to be entered on the journal as part of the proceedings, unless ordered by the subsequent action of the Grand Lodge.

Whereupon, Rep. Ridgely, of Ohio, appealed from the decision of the Chair, and called for the vote by states, which was as follows:

YEAS—Rep's Kennedy, of New York; Pearce, of Pennsylvania, 2 votes; Borrows, of District of Columbia; McCulley, of New Jersey; and P. G. Sire Wildey—6.

NAYS—Rep's Glazier, of Delaware; Ridgely, of Ohio; Sanderson, of Kentucky; Towers, of Virginia; and P. G. Sire Gettys—5.

So the decision of the Chair was sustained.

The question then recurred on the acceptance of the report, and adoption of the preamble submitted by the committee.

The yeas and nays being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Rep's Glazier, Ridgely, Sanderson, Towers, and P. G. Sire Gettys—5.

NAYS—Rep's Kennedy, Pearce, 2 votes; Borrows, McCulley, and P. G. Sire Wildey—6.

So the report was not accepted.

Rep. Pearce, of Pennsylvania, offered the following, which was decided in the affirmative.

Resolved, That the Diploma be filled up in the English, French, and German languages.

Rep. Pearce, of Pennsylvania, moved that all the emblems be placed on the Diploma, and that the eagle and shield be at the head of the same, together with the motto of the Order, which motion prevailed.

On motion of Rep. Towers, of Virginia, the Grand Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning, at nine o'clock.

FRIDAY, October 5th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, the Officers and a due representation.

Rep. Pearce, of Pennsylvania, offered the following, which was decided in the affirmative.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States, to keep his books and accounts at all times written and posted up.

Rep. Neilson, of Maryland, from the special committee, to whom was referred the subject of Uniform prices for initiation, &c., presented the following report, which was accepted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee to whom was referred the consideration of the propriety of making uniformity in the prices required to be paid for initiation, and the several degrees of subordinate lodges and Encampments, by the several Grand Lodges, Grand Encampments, and subordinate lodges and Encampments, working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, respectfully report:

That at the Annual Communication, in October, 1835, the whole subject was brought before this Grand Lodge, by a resolution offered by P. G. Sire Wildey; and by the action of the Grand Lodge of the United

submitted to the several state Grand Lodges. Your committee, by the Grand Secretary, that but one state Grand Lodge declined the resolution. Those more immediately interested, having declined to approve of a uniform price, your committee are of opinion that any action by the Grand Lodge of the United States is inexpedient, therefore ask to be discharged.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL H. PERKINS,
ROBERT NEILSON,
JOHN PEARCE.

John Pearce, of Pennsylvania, offered the following, which was agreed

that the committee on the Diploma of the Order, be, and the same are discharged.

John Pearce, of Pennsylvania, offered the following, which was agreed

that the Grand Lodge appoint a committee of two, whose duty it shall be to draw up a suitable Diploma; and that said committee have power to draw on the Treasurer to the amount of four hundred dollars, on account, as the same may be required to pay the expenses.

Whereupon the Grand Lodge proceeded to elect the committee by ballot. Messrs. P. G. Sire Wildey, and D. G. Sire Pearce, were declared elected.

John Pearson, of Kentucky, offered the following, which were agreed

that the Grand Lodge now appoint a Corresponding Secretary for the next six months.

That P. D. G. Sire Robert Neilson be the Corresponding Secretary, under the sanction of the Lodge.

Mr. Wildey called attention to the subject of the services of the Travelling Agent, when, on motion, it was referred to a special committee.

Mr. Wildey was appointed as the committee, Rep's Glazier, of Delaware; Messrs. Wildey, of Maryland; and Kennedy, of New York.

Mr. Wildey presented the bill of John E. Chamberlain, for Grand Messenger, amounting to \$10.

Whereupon the bill was referred to the Committee of Finance.

Mr. Wildey, of Maryland, from the special committee, to whom was referred the report of the Travelling Agent, presented the following resolution, which was accepted.

Grand Lodge of the United States:

Resolved, That the committee to whom was referred the report of the acts and doings of the Travelling Agent of this Grand Lodge for the past year, beg leave

to have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to ask sanction of the following charters for Grand and subordinate Encampments, established by him during his recent tour.

ROBERT NEILSON,
JAMES L. RIDGELY.

Washington Lodge, No. 2, Natchez, Mississippi.
 Mobile Lodge, No. 2, Mobile, Alabama.
 Wildey Lodge, No. 2, St. Louis, Missouri.*
 Alton Lodge, No. 2, Alton, Illinois.
 Clark Lodge, No. 3, Greenville, Illinois.
 Illinois Lodge, No. 4, Jackson, Illinois.
 Wildey Lodge, No. 5, Galena, Illinois.
 Lafayette Lodge, No. 2, Mineral Point, Iowa Territory.
 Grand Lodge of Mississippi, Natchez, Mississippi.†
 Grand Lodge of Missouri, St. Louis, Missouri.‡
 Grand Lodge of Illinois, Alton, Illinois.¶
 Mount Ararat Encampment, No. 1, Mobile, Alabama.
 Wildey Encampment, No. 1, Natchez, Mississippi.
 do do 1, St. Louis, Missouri.
 do do 1, Alton, Illinois,
 do do 1, Mineral Point, Iowa Territory.
 do do 2, Madison, Indiana.
 Dayton do 2, Dayton, Ohio.

Rep. Borrows, of District of Columbia, offered the following, which was decided in the affirmative.

Resolved, § That the Grand Sire be requested to select and appoint a qualified Past Grand in each state, district and territory, whose duty it shall be to visit each Lodge, working under the warrant of this Grand Lodge in said district and territory, and communicate all information and instructions which may be by this Grand Lodge directed to be made. And when a charter for a Grand or subordinate lodge or Encampment shall be granted, the Past Grand so appointed shall attend and perform the ceremony of opening and installation—he shall bear the title of District Deputy Grand Sire of the United States of the I. O. of O. F., his expenses whilst so engaged, shall be charged to the lodge he may be required to visit.

P. G. Sire Gettys offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay to the order of P. G. Sire Gettys, the amount received for the charter of Adrianus Encampment, No. 2, D. C., on the delivery to the Grand Secretary of the books and charter, this Encampment having never been in operation.

On motion, the resolution was referred to a special committee of three.

The Grand Sire appointed Rep's Sanderson, of Kentucky; Pearce, of Pennsylvania; and Borrows, of District of Columbia, the committee.

* *Wildey Lodge, No. 2*.—There would seem to be an error in the report of the Travelling Agent, as well as of the committee, relative to this lodge. Application was made in due form and granted, at the May Session, 1837, for the establishment of "Lodge, No. 2, at St. Louis, Missouri;" so that it may more properly be considered as having been opened by the Travelling Agent, which act did not need confirmation.

† *Grand Lodge of Mississippi*.—This Grand Lodge was instituted at Natchez, on the 4th May, 1838, when the following Grand Officers were installed, i. e.—M. Ruffner, M. W. G. M.; William Dale, R. W. D. G. M.; E. P. Pollard, R. W. G. W.; J. S. Goddard, R. W. G. Sec'y; Joseph B. Robinson, R. W. G. Treas.

‡ *Grand Lodge of Missouri*.—The institution of this body took place at St. Louis, on June 12th, 1838, when were installed the following Grand Officers, viz: John Dawson, M. W. G. M.; William Blackburn, R. W. D. G. M.; Henry M. Brown, R. W. G. W.; William S. Stewart, R. W. G. Sec'y; G. D. Darlington, R. W. G. Treas.; Robert Cathcart, W. G. Con.; and William Metcalfe, Jr., W. G. Guardian.

¶ *Grand Lodge of Illinois*.—This body was constituted at Alton, on the 22d day of August, 1838. The following Grand Officers were then installed, viz: S. C. Peirce, M. W. G. M.; A. Botkin, R. W. D. G. M.; D. P. Berry, R. W. G. W.; S. L. Miller, R. W. G. Sec'y; John M. Krum, R. W. G. Treas.; J. B. Woods, W. G. Con.; Dart Ward, W. G. Guar.

§ *Resolved*.—This resolution is literally a re-enactment of one adopted at the October Session, 1835, which was still in full force. (see page 157.)

Rep. Pearce, of Pennsylvania, from the special committee to whom was referred the resolution of P. G. Sire Gettys, presented the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The committee to whom was referred the resolution of P. G. Sire Gettys, viz : " That the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay to the order of P. G. Sire Gettys, the amount received for the charter of Adrianus Encampment, No. 2, District of Columbia, on the delivery to the Grand Secretary of the books and charter, this Encampment having never been in operation," respectfully report the accompanying resolution for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN PEARCE,
HENRY S. SANDERSON,
JOHN McCULLEY.

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer comply with the requisition of the above resolution, whenever he shall receive the charter and books of the said Encampment.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution adopted.

The Grand Sire announced the following appointments of District Deputy Grand Sires of the I. O. of O. F., of the United States of America.

P. G. NATHANIEL MCGONNIGLE, for the state of Alabama.

P. G. M. JOHN G. POTTS, for the territory of Iowa.

Rep. Pearce, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee of Finance, presented the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee of Finance beg leave to report, in part, that they have examined the following bills presented to this Grand Lodge, and find them correct, and recommend them to be paid.

A. E. Warner, balance on Service of Plate,	\$11 72
Expense of Newburg Committee,	50 00
G. Sire Samuel H. Perkins for expenses to Baltimore, 1837,	25 00
do. do. do. 1838,	25 00
Robert Neilson for postage,	6 00
do Box hire in Post-office,	4 25
Matchett and Neilson's bill for printing,	72 50
Hickman's two bills for stationary,	3 75
D. G. Sire Frederick Leise's bill for expenses to Baltimore and back to New York,	35 25
Bill for decorations,	5 00

\$238 47

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN PEARCE,
JOHN A. KENNEDY,
JOHN McCULLEY.

On motion, the report was accepted and the bills ordered to be paid.

Rep. Pearce, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee of Finance, presented the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee of Finance further report, and recommend the following appropriations be made, to wit :

To Robert Neilson for services as Grand Secretary for the year, \$75 00

To John E. Chamberlain for services as Grand Messenger during
present session, two dollars per day for five days, 10 00

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN PEARCE,
JOHN A. KENNEDY,
JOHN McCULLEY.

On motion, the report was accepted, and the appropriations recommended, ordered to be paid.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until half past three o'clock, this afternoon.

FRIDAY, 3½ o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, the Officers and a due representation.

Grand Treasurer Warner, presented two bills,* which were on motion, ordered to be paid.

Rep. Glazier, of Delaware, moved that the special committee to whom was referred the resolution of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, be discharged, which was agreed to.

Rep. Neilson, of Maryland, then submitted the following amendments to the Constitution of this body, which were referred to the next Annual Communication.

That the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., be so altered as that no Past Grand Master can be eligible for the office of Grand Sire or Deputy Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the United States, unless he be at the time of his nomination, election and installation into office, a regular contributing member of a legally chartered Encampment of Patriarchs.

That no Representative shall be returned to this Grand Lodge, from a state Grand Lodge, unless he have the same qualification for office as the M. W. Grand Sire and Deputy Grand Sire;—*Provided*, there is a legally chartered Encampment of Patriarchs in said state.

Rep. Glazier, of Delaware, presented a report from the special committee, to whom had been referred the subject of compensating the Travelling Agent for his services rendered, reciting the resolution under which the appointment was made; which having been read, was, on motion, laid on the table.

Rep. Ridgely, of Ohio, offered the following :

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge appropriate five hundred dollars to Past Grand Sire Wildev, in addition to the sum now allowed him by the Grand Lodge, for his services as Travelling Agent, for the past year.

* Two bills.—It is impossible to say what bills are here alluded to, or for what amount they were passed.

Mr. Pearce, of Pennsylvania, called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:

YEAS—Rep's Neilson, 2 votes; Glazier, Ridgely, McCulley and Sanborn—6.

NAYS—Rep's Kennedy, Pearce, 2 votes; Borrowes, Towers and P. G. Gettys—6.

There being an equality of votes, the Grand Sire gave the casting vote in the affirmative.

The resolution was therefore adopted.

Mr. Neilson, of Maryland, from the special committee to whom was referred the credentials of the Proxy Representative of Mississippi, reports, and presented the following report.

He R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

That the special committee to whom was referred the report of the Grand Lodge of the state of Mississippi, and the certificate of P. G. Sire Thomas Wildes as the regularly appointed Proxy of said Grand Lodge, respectfully report the following resolution.

ROBERT NEILSON, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That the report of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, located at the city of Natchez, be received by this Grand Lodge, and that P. G. Sire Thomas Wildes be received as the regularly appointed Proxy Representative for the ensuing year. In motion, the report was accepted, and the resolution adopted.

Mr. Neilson, of Maryland, from the special committee to whom was referred the report of Wildey Encampment, No. 1, Mississippi, presented the following report, which was accepted.

He R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

That the special committee to whom was referred the report of Wildey Encampment, No. 1, Natchez, Mississippi, would beg leave respectfully to report: That they have examined the same, and find it in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, and would ask that the report be received and the committee discharged.

ROBERT NEILSON, *Chairman.*

Mr. Pearce, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee of Finance, reports on a bill of P. G. Sire Wildey, which was ordered to be paid.

Mr. Pearce, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee of Finance, presents the following report, which was accepted.

He R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

That the Committee of Finance, to whom was referred the accounts of the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, and Travelling Agent, respectfully report

that in examining the accounts of the Grand Lodge, they find it has been the custom heretofore to keep the accounts with its subordinates regularly posted up; and at the present time they are in such condition that the committee are unable to report the balances due by each to the Grand Lodge.

Your Committee in examining the accounts of the Grand Treasurer, have found that they were continued open after the examination of the committee of Finance, in October, 1837, and additions made by debit and credit so as to alter the balance in the Treasury, and thereby make a discrepancy between the said report and the published statement of the Grand Treasurer.

It is hoped that hereafter the Treasury statement be published in the same condition it is reported to be in by the committee, and that receipts and expenditures after the close of the account, be carried in the account of the succeeding year.

Your committee have found that the balance in the Treasury as reported by the Finance Committee, October 3d, 1837, was \$345 06
Received in addition as set forth in printed proceedings, 1837, 127 00

\$472 06

Expended in payment of appropriations made by the votes of the Grand Lodge, 288 00

Leaving the balance as stated in the Grand Treasurer's published account of 1837, \$184 06

The amount received by Grand Treasurer from Grand Secretary since last published statement to date, 610 95
do. do. by do. from Travelling Agent, 1334 25

Amounting in all to \$2129 26

There has been paid in discharge of sundry accounts regularly ordered by the Grand Lodge, \$ 506 47

And to the Travelling Agent on the order of the Grand Lodge, 1000 00

\$1506 47

Leaving in the Treasury, a balance of \$622 79

JOHN PEARCE,
JOHN A. KENNEDY,
JOHN McCULLEY.

Rep. Neilson, of Maryland, presented a bill from I. P. Cook, for binding, which was ordered to be paid.

Rep. Ridgely, of Ohio, moved that the Grand Secretary be instructed to have the printed proceedings out in the space of thirty days from this date, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Pearce, of Pennsylvania, offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge continue to the Travelling Agent the powers contained in his commission, until he shall have completed his visitation, or until the next Annual Communication, *Provided*, that such continuation shall not be attended with any additional expense to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Rep. Ridgely, of Ohio, called for the vote by states, which was as follows:

YEAS—Rep's Kennedy, Pearce, 2 votes; McCulley, Towers and P. G. Sire Gettys—6.

NAYS—Rep's Borrows and Ridgely—2.

The Grand Sire appointed as the committee to proceed to Albany, New York, P. G. Sire Gettys; and Rep's Pearce, of Pennsylvania, and McCulley, of New Jersey.

Grand Secretary Neilson tendered his resignation as Grand Secretary, which was accepted.

Whereupon, The Grand Sire appointed W. D. G. M. William G. Cook, of Maryland, Grand Secretary,* until the next Annual Communication, in place of Robert Neilson, resigned.

On motion, of Rep. Kennedy, of New York, the Grand Lodge closed the Annual Communication.

WILLIAM G. COOK, *Grand Secretary.*

Annual Report of Subordinate Encampments to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., commencing October, 1837, and ending October, 1838.

ENCAMPMENTS.		Where held.	States.	No. of P. C. Patriarchs.	Initiations.	Suspensions.	Expulsions.	Revenue.	Contributing Members.	Remarks.
Columbia,	No. 1,	Washington,	D. C.	...	9	2	....	73 25	17	
Wilkey,	" 1,	New Orleans,	La.	7	....	....	....	123 32	20	
Wilkey,	" 1,	Cincinnati,	Ohio,	42	....	1	....	1,033 92	132	
Mr. Horeb,	" 1,	Louisville,	Ky.	16	5	1	....	347 81	45	
Olive Branch,	" 2,	Covington,	"	2	7	....	....	73 48	14	
Mr. Hebron,	" 2,	New York,	N. Y.	8	3	17	....	85 75	25	
Trenton,	" 2,	Trenton,	N. J.	10	....	....	....	60 88	18	
Abram's	" 1,	Wheeling,	Va.	19	....	1	....	225 00	16	
Neilson,	" 2,	Richmond,	"	2	27	2	....	336 10	22	
Wilkey,	" 3,	Portsmouth,	"	...	38	....	....	426 25	39	
Jerusalem,	" 4,	Norfolk,	"	...	21	....	....	101 50	22	
Mr. Ararat,	" 1,	Mobile,	Ala.	...	12	....	....	300 00	19	
Wilkey,	" 1,	Natchez,	MS.	...	24	....	....	473 60	25	
				19	224	26	3	\$3,560 77	414	

Expulsions from Lodges.

In Maryland—No. 4, one; No. 6, three; No. 8, one; No. 17, one; No. 18, one; No. 23, one; and No. 28, one. Improper conduct; names not given.

In New York—No. 10, John Mandeville. Improper conduct.

In Louisiana—No. 2, one. Name or cause not given.

In Virginia—No. 3, P. W. Kenaday; No. 4, T. Perkins; No. 9, T. J. Hunter. Improper conduct.

In Illinois—No. 1, one. Name or cause not given.

In Mississippi—No. 1, three. Name or cause not given.

* *Grand Secretary.*—The following was the official annunciation of this appointment to the Order.

"To all Loyal Lodges and Worthy Brethren throughout the Globe, these Presents, in Friendship, Love and Truth, come Greeting:

"Know ye, that by virtue of the power and authority in me vested, we have, and by these presents do, appoint our trusty and well-qualified Brother, William G. Cook, No. 3, North Gay-street, Baltimore, Recording Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States of America, until the next Annual Meeting of said Grand Lodge, on the first Monday of October, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine.

"In testimony whereof, we have hereunto set our name, at Baltimore, this fifth day of October, 1838.

SAMUEL H. PERKINS, *Grand Sire.*"

Annual Report of Grand and Subordinate Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., for the year ending September, 1838.

LODGES.	Where held.	States.	No. of Lodges.	Initiations.	Suspensions.	Expulsions.	Past Grands.	P. G. Masters.	Revenue of Subordinate Lodges.	Contributing Members.	No. of Brothers relieved.	No. of Widowed Paupers.	No. of Brothers buried.	Amount paid for relief of Brothers.	Amount paid for relief of Widowed Paupers.	Amount paid for education of Orphans.	Amount paid for burying the dead.	Total amount of relief.
G. L. of Maryland.	Baltimore.	Md.	33	333	233	9	310	7	\$ 6,682 97	1,603	116	20	3	1,400 26	28 18	315 91	337 75	2,786 04
" New York.	New York.	N. Y.	10	100	32	1	30	1	2,909 18	752	101	6	3	1,180 50	20 00	.....	105 10	1,305 50
" Pennsylvania.	Philadelphia.	Penn.	40	405	32	.....	595	17	11,526 52	2,665	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" District of Columbia.	Washington.	D. C.	3	32	10	.....	45	5	684 92	113	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" Delaware.	Wilmington.	Del.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" Ohio.	Cincinnati.	Ohio.	6	153	55	.....	80	.....	4,845 30	853	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" Louisiana.	New Orleans.	La.	2	51	12	1	19	2	2,070 11	176	14	.....	4	239 31	.....	.....	175 00	414 31
" New Jersey.	Trenton.	N. J.	5	40	12	.....	22	1	604 55	141	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" Kentucky.	Louisville.	Ky.	5	104	37	.....	32	2	3,485 17	397	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" Virginia.	Richmond.	Va.	13	449	.....	3	.....	.....	7,976 22	825	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" Mississippi.	Natchez.	Ms.	3	82	.....	3	10	.....	1,916 17	227	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Iowa.	Mineral Point.	I. T.	1	10	40	.....	.....	.....	560 00	79	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Travellers' Rest.	St. Louis.	Mo.	1	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	651 08	146	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Alabama.	Mobile.	Ala.	1	34	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,415 50	151	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Western Star.	Allon.	Ill.	1	107	.....	1	.....	.....	1,416 00	47	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
			114	2006	449	13	1205	36	\$46,764 27	8,175	231	23	15	\$2,830 06	648 18	\$ 315 91	\$617 85	\$4,505 85

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION
OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES,
Held at the City of Philadelphia, October, 1830.

MONDAY, October 7th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Lodge convened this day, at Odd Fellows' Hall, South city of Philadelphia, being the regular Annual Communication. The following were present.

L. H. PERKINS,	M. W. G. Sire.
EARCE,	R. W. D. G. Sire, p. t.
T. NEILSON,	R. W. G. Secretary, p. t.
W. E. WARNER,	R. W. G. Treasurer.
F. STOKES,	W. G. Guardian, p. t.
J. THOMAS WILDEY, and	
ZENAS B. GLAZIER, M. W. G. Sire, elect.	

The Secretary presented the certificates of the Representatives of Grand Lodges, viz:

RICHARD MARLEY,	Rep. of Maryland.
LEON SMALL,	{ Reps. of New York.
JAMES ALCOCK,	
HOWELL HOPKINS,	{ Reps. of Pennsylvania.
DREW C. HEWITT,	
ANDREW E. WARNER,	Proxy Rep. of Dist. Columbia.
DEON F. TINDALL,	Rep. of Delaware.
WILLIAM C. BRANIN,	Rep. of New Jersey.
TER W. GRUBBS,	Rep. of Virginia.

The Grand Sire was directed to examine the Representatives.

The Grand Sire reported that the Representatives were duly qualified. Upon the Grand Sire appointed D. G. Sire, Pearce and P. G. Sire, a committee to examine the credentials.

The committee to whom was referred the credentials of the Representatives from the several Grand Lodges, reported that they had examined the same, and find them correct, viz: Maryland, Pennsylvania, District of Columbia, Delaware, New Jersey, &c., which report was accepted.

The Grand Sire stated that there were but seven Grand Lodges represented, consequently not a constitutional quorum.

On motion of Rep. Hopkins, the Grand Lodge adjourned on Monday morning, at ten o'clock.

TUESDAY, October 8th, 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, the same Officers and Representatives as yesterday.

There not being a quorum present for the transaction of business, the Grand Sire declared the Grand Lodge adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning, at ten o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, October 9th, 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, the same Officers and Representatives as yesterday.

There still not being a quorum present for the transaction of business, and no prospect of any other Grand Lodge being represented, the Grand Sire declared the Grand Lodge adjourned, to meet at the city of Baltimore, on the 21st day of April, 1840.

This Session of the Grand Lodge was attended by the Grand Master of the state of New York, and the Grand Master and a number of the brethren of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

ROBERT NEILSON, *Grand Secretary, pro tem.*

ADJOURNED ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES,

Held at the City of Baltimore, April, 1840.

TUESDAY, April 21st, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met this day, at Odd Fellows' Hall, city of Baltimore, pursuant to the order of the Grand Sire, when the following were present.

SAMUEL H. PERKINS,
E. C. ROBINSON,
WILLIAM G. COOK,
ROBERT NEILSON,
ANDREW E. WARNER,
GEORGE M. BAIN,
GOTLEIB F. BUHRE,
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN,
P. G. M. RICHARD MARLEY,
P. G. WILSON SMALL,
P. G. M. HOWELL HOPKINS,
P. G. ANDREW C. HEWITT,
P. G. Sire THOMAS WILDEY.

M. W. G. Sire.
R. W. D. G. Sire, *p. t.*
R. W. G. R. Secretary.
R. W. G. C. Secretary.
R. W. G. Treasurer.
R. W. G. Chaplain, *p. t.*
W. G. Guardian.
W. G. Messenger.
Rep. of Maryland.
Rep. of New York.
} Reps. of Pennsylvania, and

The Grand Secretary presented the following additional certificates of the Representatives of the several Grand Lodges, viz :

P. G. M. WILLIAM W. MOORE,	Rep. of District of Columbia.
P. G. M. JAMES L. RIDGELY,	Proxy Rep. of Ohio.
P. G. M. SAMUEL LUCAS,	Proxy Rep. of Louisiana.
P. G. JOHN McCULLEY,	Proxy Rep. of New Jersey.
P. G. M. HENRY S. SANDERSON,	Proxy Rep. of Kentucky.
P. G. M. GEORGE M. BAIN,	Rep. of Virginia.
P. G. Sire THOMAS WILDEY,	Proxy Rep. of Mississippi.
P. G. M. AUGUSTUS MATHIOT,	Proxy Rep. of Illinois.

It appearing that a constitutional quorum was present, the D. Grand Sire was directed to examine the Representatives.

The D. Grand Sire reported, that the Representatives were duly qualified; and then, by order of the Grand Sire, proclaimed the Grand Lodge duly opened for the transaction of business.

After an address to the Throne of Grace by the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Sire appointed P. G. Sire Wildey; and Rep's Hewitt, of Pennsylvania; and Moore, of District of Columbia, a committee to examine the credentials.

P. G. Sire Wildey, from the committee to whom was referred the credentials of the Representatives, presented the following report, which was accepted, and the Representatives acknowledged.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The committee to whom was referred the credentials of the Representatives present, respectfully report, that they find the following made out in due form, viz : for the Grand Lodges of New Jersey, District of Columbia, Mississippi, Illinois, Kentucky, Ohio, and Louisiana. The credentials of Virginia are informal, but recommend them to be accepted.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

THOMAS WILDEY,
WILLIAM W. MOORE,
ANDREW C. HEWITT.

The Grand Sire announced the following standing committees.

On Finance—Rep's Small, of New York; Marley, of Maryland; and Mathiot, of Illinois.

On Petitions—Rep's McCulley, of New Jersey; Bain, of Virginia; and Moore, of District of Columbia.

On the Work of the Order—Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania; P. G. Sire Wildey; and Rep. Ridgely, of Ohio.

On Correspondence—Rep's Ridgely, of Ohio; Sanderson, of Kentucky; and Lucas, of Louisiana.

On Reports—P. G. Sire Wildey.

The Grand Secretary presented the reports from the several Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, which were referred to the Committee on Reports.

The proceedings of the Annual Communication of 1838, was in progress of reading, when, on motion of Rep. Bain, of Virginia, the further reading was dispensed with.

The Grand Secretary laid before the Grand Lodge the following report, which was read.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee appointed by resolution of your R. W. body, adopted October 1st, 1838, charged with the subject of the changes, &c., in Great Britain, respectfully report:

That they have attended to the duty referred to them, and have the pleasure to announce the renewal of correspondence with the A. M. C.

Prior to the late session of that body at Birmingham, a communication was transmitted, reciting the disadvantages the Order lies under in both hemispheres, from want of uniformity in work, &c., and the necessity of reciprocal understanding.

Your committee, also perceiving the great good that must result from an interchange of yearly passwords, suggested the propriety of permanently establishing a regulation for carrying it into effect.

The committee also transmitted copies of the proceedings of your last Annual Communication, and the Covenant, and addressed to the Corresponding Secretary of the Order in England, (Wm. Ratcliffe,) a request to lay the documents before the A. M. C. at the earliest practicable moment. Other letters, in our individual capacities, were addressed to G. M. John Peiser, and other distinguished members of the A. M. C.

The result of this exertion has been a perfect compliance in relation to so much of our suggestions as relates to the yearly password—which is transmitted accordingly—to go into operation 1st October, in each year; together with a number of copies of the votes and proceedings of the A. M. C. at its late and previous sessions, and other valuable printed documents.

The committee however regret that it is not yet fully in their power to report on the changes. But it is evident, from the vote of the late A. M. C., that a correspondence being now open, it is only necessary to preserve it, in order speedily to obtain every information, and accomplish all arrangements requisite to a perfect adjustment of our differences.

The committee would respectfully recommend the adoption of the accompanying resolutions.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN A. KENNEDY, *Chairman.*

Philadelphia, Oct. 7th, 1839.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge fully reciprocates the feelings and wishes expressed by the A. M. C., held at Birmingham, 1839, in resolution No. 46; and assure the Order in Great Britain, that no means will be left unused, which will tend to accomplish the perfect good understanding between the Order in the two hemispheres, and which will insure a regular and certain communication of all important information.

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary be authorized and instructed to communicate to the Grand Master and Board of Directors of the A. M. C., the travelling passwords, and the term of their duration.

On motion, the report was accepted, and the proposed resolutions were adopted.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until this afternoon, at three o'clock.

TUESDAY, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, the Officers, and a due representation.

Rep. Bain, of Virginia, offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the application from the Grand Lodge of Virginia, to have its charter so amended, that its Communications hereafter may be held in Petersburg, instead of the city of Richmond, be referred to the Committee on Petitions.

The Grand Sire presented the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

In presenting his annual report, the Grand Sire embraces the opportunity to congratulate the Grand Lodge upon the continued and increasing prosperity of the Order, not only in the United States, but especially in England.

Since the Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge in October, 1838, a letter has been received from the Grand Officers of the Manchester Unity, cordially reciprocating the fraternal feelings of this Grand Lodge, and inviting a more intimate union and frequent correspondence. The Manchester Unity now embraces nearly one hundred and twelve thousand individuals; of whom about twenty-two thousand had joined within a twelve month.

The increase and prosperity of the Order has been scarcely less rapid and remarkable in this country. Since the installation of the present Grand Sire, charters have been granted for a Grand Lodge in each of the states of Mississippi, Missouri and Illinois; and for Grand Encampments in the states of New York, Ohio and Kentucky. Charters have also been granted to eleven subordinate lodges, and to seven Encampments of Patriarchs. All of which have been regularly instituted and organized.

Since the last Annual Communication, the Grand Sire has been called upon to exercise the powers vested in him by the Constitution, to grant dispensations for the organization of new lodges and Encampments. He has thought it his duty to use it with great caution, and not until he had consulted with members of this Grand Lodge, and after being satisfied that all the necessary forms and regulations of the Order had been complied with.

On the 2d of July last, he granted a special dispensation to brother G. M. John A. Kennedy, of New York, to open and constitute a new lodge in the city of New Haven, state of Connecticut, to be hailed and known by the title of "Quinnipiac Lodge, No. 1." This deputation and the return thereto, showing the able and satisfactory manner in which the duty was performed, will be submitted for your approval. The anticipations indulged by brother Kennedy, and expressed in his report, have been fully realized. The Order is spreading its benevolent influences over every part of the state. In February, a petition was received from the requisite number of brethren for a charter to open and constitute a lodge in the city of Hartford, to be hailed by the title of "Charter Oak Lodge, No. 2." And in March, a similar petition for a charter to open and constitute a new lodge, to be located at East Haddam, Middlesex county, to be known and hailed by the title of "Middlesex Lodge, No. 3." Dispensa-

tions were granted to open and constitute both of these lodges. A copy of the form adopted by the Grand Sire is hereto annexed, [marked A,] by which it will be seen that he made the dispensations expressly subject to the approval of this Grand Lodge. Agreeably to the request of the brethren, a special deputation was sent brother G. M. John A. Kennedy, to proceed to Hartford, to open and constitute this lodge; at the same time, authorizing him, should circumstances prevent his attending in person, to select a competent and duly qualified brother, who would be acceptable to the lodge, and who could perform the duty for him. A similar deputation was sent to brother Kennedy to open and constitute "Middlesex Lodge No. 3." No return* to either of these deputations has been received. A copy of the forms adopted is hereto annexed, [marked B.] As the character and prosperity of the Order, in a state where it has not before existed, depend so much upon the individuals who first join it, the Grand Sire gave special instructions to brother Kennedy, to urge upon the brethren the necessity of great caution and circumspection, lest any one whose character and habits will not bear the strictest scrutiny, should gain admission; and by all means to advise them not to hold their meetings in a public house, if by any effort, a lodge room could be procured in a private building. From information received, we may expect applications soon to be made for two or three more charters for new lodges in the same state.

On the 2d of July last, the Grand Sire sent a special deputation to brother Patriarch P. G. M. James Alcock, of the city of New York, to open and constitute a new Encampment, to be located in that city, and to be hailed by the title of "Mount Sinai Encampment of Patriarchs, No. 3." That duty was performed to the entire satisfaction of the Grand Sire. The deputation and return of brother Alcock thereto, are herewith submitted. In considering the petition of the Patriarchs and brethren for a charter for this new Encampment, it became a question whether the petition should not be accompanied with a recommendation from the Encampment already established there. The Grand Lodge of the United States, before granting a charter, ought always to be satisfied that a new Encampment, or a new lodge, in any particular location, will advance the interests of the Order. It has been the practice to require such a recommendation; and to avoid all future difficulty, I would suggest the propriety of passing a general regulation on the subject.

The Travelling Agent, in May last, with the approbation of the Representatives residing in Baltimore, granted a charter for a new lodge to be located at Little Rock, in the state of Arkansas.

A charter has also been granted for a subordinate lodge to be located at Galveston, in the republic of Texas.

In April, 1839, the hall in Portsmouth, Va., was destroyed by fire. All the fixtures, furniture, charters, books, &c., of Old Dominion Lodge, No. 5, and Wildey Encampment, No. 3, were consumed with the hall. The Grand Sire, on being certified of the fact, granted to the officers and patriarchs a dispensation to continue their labors. It will be seen by a copy of the dispensation hereto annexed, [marked C,] that it was to continue in force, till the pleasure of this Grand Lodge in the premises should be

* No return.—The return of opening of the two lodges referred to, did not reach the seat of the Grand Lodge until the day after the adjournment.

made known to them. I am gratified to learn that our brethren in Portsmouth have not sunk under a calamity that would have crushed those less zealous for the Order. A new hall is rising from the ashes of the old.

I am happy to be able to communicate to this Grand Lodge, the pleasing intelligence that many of the brethren, and some of the lodges in the state of New York, who have so long refused allegiance to the Grand Lodge of that state, have come under its jurisdiction; and that there is every prospect of harmony being speedily restored throughout its borders. No further action by the Grand Lodge of the United States is either necessary or expedient, unless it be, to interdict all fraternal intercourse with the members of any lodge not in good standing with the Grand Lodge of the state within whose jurisdiction such lodge may be located. No formal report has been made to the Grand Sire, by the committee appointed at the Annual Communication, in October, 1838, to visit Albany. If there had been, he would have deemed it his duty at once to have issued such an interdict to all Grand and Subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction.

A committee, from the brethren in Albany, visited Philadelphia at the Annual Communication held there in October last. The Grand Sire was induced to believe, from information he then received, that the brethren in Albany only required to have their duty made plain, and the way easy, and they would immediately return to their allegiance. Such also was the opinion of many members of this Grand Lodge, then in the city of Philadelphia. At the earnest solicitation of the brethren from Albany, and with the advice of a majority of the members of the Grand Lodge in attendance, the Grand Sire appointed a committee to visit Albany, and by their presence and advice, afforded one more opportunity for the erring brethren to return. That committee were prevented going, till it was too late to expect any good from their visit. In the mean time, I learnt from various sources, that the brethren were urging the fact of the committee's being appointed as a reason for postponing their submission to the authority of the Grand Lodge of New York. I received frequent communications from individual brethren; but not from any of the lodges, till February last. In that month, L. J. Lansing, Esq. as Secretary of Watervliet Lodge, No. 20, by direction of that lodge, addressed me upon the subject of the existing difficulties. I embraced the opportunity, distinctly to state to the brethren, my object in appointing the committee, and what I believed to be the views and intentions of the Grand Lodge of the United States. I informed them that the committee appointed by the Grand Sire, at the last Annual Communication, to visit Albany; was appointed by him, in the hope that the lodges cut off from intercourse with the Order, would embrace the opportunity, which the visit of the committee would afford, to return to their allegiance. That the Grand Sire does not think it expedient, that the Grand Lodge of the United States should incur any further expense in the matter. Three committees have been sent by it, at different times, to reconcile the differences existing in New York, and it will do nothing further, except to sustain the Grand Lodge of New York, in the exercise of her authority over all the lodges and brethren in the state.— That this Grand Lodge will not divide the state of New York into two Grand Lodges; nor recognize the Grand Lodge at Albany. That the subject was brought before the Grand Lodge of the United States in my

Annual Communication in October, 1838, and decided, with great unanimity, to be inexpedient, if not inconsistent with the charter already granted. That I saw no way, in which members of lodges that continue to reject the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New York, can be received as brethren by the Order in the United States and throughout the world; except for the lodges to send in their adhesion to the Grand Lodge of New York; or, for individual members who wish to be restored to the Order, to withdraw from them, and join regular lodges in the usual way. This correspondence, and letters received from brothers O. A. Kingsley and J. F. Whitney, of Albany, on the same subject, and the answers of the Grand Sire, will be laid before you; together with the papers and documents brought by the brethren, who visited Philadelphia at the Annual Communication in October last. It is due, as well to the Grand Lodge of New York, as to our erring brethren under its jurisdiction, that this business should be promptly and definitely settled.

Shortly after the adjournment of the Annual Communication in October, 1838, the Grand Sire received a letter from a very worthy and influential brother in Virginia; making inquiries respecting the rights, duties and privileges of Degree Lodges;—their officers and members:—and the effect of their establishment on subordinate lodges. To all of which, he replied in detail. As his answer embraces important matters both of principle and practice, as well as the rights of subordinate lodges: it is submitted for your consideration.

In December last, a card was presented to Beaver Meadow Lodge, No. 62, in the state of Pennsylvania, from Loyal Amicable Lodge, No. 1015, Liverpool, respecting which they consulted the Grand Sire. A copy of this card, and the letter accompanying the same, together with the answer of the Grand Sire; also a letter from brother William R. McKean, enclosing a copy of a card presented to Trenton Lodge, No. 3, are submitted for the consideration of this Grand Lodge. It is important that every lodge should know with certainty what is required of a brother hailing from a foreign country, to entitle him to the fellowship and privileges of the Order.

The diversity of work in the different Grand Lodges under our jurisdiction is becoming a subject of complaint, and of much inconvenience; and will be more so, as the number of Grand Lodges increase. This embarrassment is felt with peculiar force in the cities of New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore, which so many of the brethren from the South and West annually visit on business. The Grand Sire would suggest, either that all Grand Lodge Degrees as such, should be abolished; or that one be adopted by the Grand Lodge of the United States for all the Grand Lodges under its jurisdiction. As it now is, a Grand Master of a neighboring state, may find himself excluded from a sister Grand Lodge, though he may be entitled to visit this body, and be present at our deliberations. The peculiar and appropriate business of a Grand Lodge does not seem to require a distinct degree. A state Grand Lodge is a representative and deliberative body. And, although it may with propriety, prescribe what qualifications it will require from those who take part in the deliberations; there is no reason why brethren from sister Grand Lodges, should not enjoy the privilege of meeting the officers and past officers of the subordinate lodges, in Grand Lodge assembled.

A letter from brother G. M. W. S. Stewart, of St. Louis, Mo., asking information on important matters; and my answer to the same, will be laid before you: on all which, it is highly desirable that there should be some distinct action by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

In February, 1839, an appeal and complaint was received from brother P. G. M. Mondelli and twenty-seven P. G's, officers and members of Louisiana Lodge, No. 1, of the state of Louisiana. From subsequent information the Grand Sire was induced to hope that the brethren would be able to adjust the matter without the action of this Grand Lodge.—I am happy to say, such has been the case; and would therefore suggest that the parties have leave to withdraw their appeal and complaint.

A careful and distinct action by the Grand Lodge of the United States, upon the several subjects brought before you in this communication, will settle several important matters, both of principle and practice; and tend to preserve peace and harmony within our jurisdiction.

The Grand Sire cannot take leave of his brethren, in his official capacity, without expressing to them, individually and collectively, his deep sense of the great obligation he is under, for the many tokens of their regard, esteem, and confidence, it has been his happiness to receive during the time he has held the highest office in their gift.

SAMUEL H. PERKINS, *Grand Sire.*

BALTIMORE, April 21, 1840.

The following reports accompanied the Grand Sire's report, and ordered to be printed

" M. W. Grand Sire:

Under your authority and command, the undersigned, accompanied by P. G. M. James Alcock, P. D. G. M. Willet Charlick, P. D. G. M. John G. Treadwell, P. G. W. Wilson Small, P. G. William Y. Clark, and Bro. R. Jennings, Jr., proceeded, on the 2d instant, to New Haven, Connecticut, and on the following day (3d) opened and constituted "Quinnipiac Lodge, No. 1," in pursuance of your instructions and "the ancient usages of the Order, and not contrarywise."

The brethren composing this lodge, the first attempted to be established in the venerable commonwealth of Connecticut, are peculiarly fitted for the work of pioneering the Order eastwardly. The zeal and caution which has characterized their preparatory proceedings, speak favorably for the result.

A well constructed lodge room, and every particular of necessary regalia, emblem, and furniture, had been provided. Upwards of twenty respectable inhabitants of that city, and villages contiguous, had been selected for admission; of which number thirteen were initiated on the night of opening.

From the character and appearance of the initiates, every confidence may be placed in the fidelity with which they will perform the duties of Odd Fellows; and through the spirited example and exertions of the members of the Quinnipiac Lodge, No. 1, of Connecticut, we may feel assured that the Order will, with all reasonable speed, spread its benificent influence to every portion of their densely populated state.

Herewith is returned to you the commission for performing this most pleasing duty, with which the undersigned was honored; the success attendant upon the consummation of which, has in no slight degree added to its interest.

Respectfully submitted, in F. L. & T.

JOHN A. KENNEDY,
G. M. of the state of New York.

NEW YORK, September 6, 1839."

"M. W. Grand Sire:

In accordance with my duty, and at your request, I beg leave respectfully to report—

By virtue of the power invested in me by you, the Grand Sire, on the thirteenth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine, I proceeded to Knickerbocker Lodge room, Shakespeare Hotel, in the city of New York, assisted by P. C. P's John A. Kennedy, Charles McGowan, Theodore Frost, Joseph Patterson, and Patriarchs Tyler, S. J. Pooley, Brown, and Higby.

The Encampment was opened in due form, and the applicants for the charter being in attendance, we then and there proceeded to open Mt. Sinai Encampment, No. 3, of the state of New York, which was done in manner and form, according to the most ancient custom of our Order; and the Chief Patriarch and the Officers elect, were duly installed, and declared in the name of the Grand Lodge of the United States, a duly constituted Encampment of Patriarchs.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES ALCOCK

NEW YORK, July 18, 1839."

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, moved that the Grand Sire's report and accompanying documents, be referred to a special committee

Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, moved, as an amendment, that so much of the report as refers to the admission of foreign members of the Order, be referred to a special committee of three, which motion prevailed.

The Chair named P. G. Sire Wildey; and Rep's Hopkins, of Pennsylvania; and McCulley, of New Jersey, as the committee.

Rep. Ridgely, of Ohio, offered the following, which was concurred in.

Resolved, That the residue of the report submitted by the Grand Sire, be referred to a special committee, for the purpose of having the same printed, and to report a suitable distribution of the several subjects therein referred to, to the proper committees.

The Chair named Rep's Ridgely, of Ohio; Hopkins, of Pennsylvania; and Bain, of Virginia, as the committee.

The Grand Secretary presented a petition from brothers, J. J. Procter and others, praying for a Charter for an Encampment of Patriarchs, to be located at Alexandria, D. C., and hailed by the title of "Marley Encampment, No. 2."

On motion, the petition was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Rep. Small, of New York, presented wax impressions of the Seals of the several subordinate lodges and Encampments, under the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge and Encampment of the state of New York, which were directed to be deposited in the archives of this body.

Rep. Small, of New York, presented a communication from the Grand Lodge of New York, requesting a copy of certain proceedings of the Grand Lodge, relative to eligibility to membership and office in the Order. Which was referred to Rep's Hopkins, of Pennsylvania; Wildey, of Mississippi; and Marley, of Maryland.

P. G. Sire Wildey called up the amendment to the Constitution, offered at the Annual Communication of 1838, (page 236,) on the subject of the time of holding the Annual Sessions.

Rep. Small, of New York, proposed the following amendment, in lieu of that offered by P. G. Sire Wildey.

"That Article XI. of the Constitution be so amended as to substitute the words, "third Monday in September," in place of the words, "first Monday of October."

Rep. Marley, of Maryland, moved to lay the whole subject on the table, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Hewitt, of Pennsylvania, stated that the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania had requested him to present to the Grand Lodge of the United States, a translation into German, of the work of a subordinate Encampment, and wished them to take the subject under consideration.

Rep. Ridgely, of Ohio, moved its reference to the Committee on the Work of the Order, which was decided in the affirmative.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, stated that on the application of a number of French members of the Order, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania had caused the Work of the Order and the Degrees thereof, so far as to include the Scarlet Degree, to be translated into the French language, and asking this Grand Lodge to approve thereof, and authorize the same to be printed for the use of the Order.

Rep. Ridgely, of Ohio, moved that the subject be referred to the Committee on the Work of the Order, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Marley, of Maryland, called up the amendment offered at the Annual Communication of 1838, (page 250,) on eligibility to office and membership.

The yeas and nays being called on the question of adoption, were as follows:

YEAS—Rep's Marley, 2 votes; Small, 2 votes—4.

NAYS—Rep's Hopkins, Hewitt, Moore, Ridgely, Bain, 2 votes; McCulley, Wildey, Mathiot, and P. G. Sire Wildey—10.

So the amendment was lost.

Rep's Marley, of Maryland, and Bain, of Virginia, presented drafts of the Funeral Obsequies, which were referred to the Committee on the Work of the Order.

On motion of Rep. Ridgely, of Ohio, the Grand Lodge adjourned until nine o'clock, to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, April 22d, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, the Officers and a due representation.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

N^o.

Rep. ———, of Delaware, appeared and presented his credentials,* which were referred to the Committee on Petitions.

The Grand Secretary presented a report of a celebration of the Order, which took place at the town of Fredericksturg, Virginia, on the 14th of February, 1840, which was read; and, on motion, referred to a special committee.†

The Chair appointed P. G. Sire Wildey, and ———.

P. G. Sire Wildey, Travelling Agent, presented the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Travelling Agent, agreeably to the resolution under which he has acted, would respectfully report:

That since his last report he has received a number of letters from various parts of the Union, asking information upon matters connected with the well-being of the Order. These, together with the answers of your Agent, will be submitted for the consideration of this Grand Lodge.

The following charters have been granted to subordinate lodges since the last annual report, to wit:

Nashville Lodge, No. 1, Nashville, Tenn.

Far West Lodge, No. 1, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Harmony Lodge, No. 2, Houston, Texas.

South Carolina Lodge, No. 1,‡ Charleston, S. C.

Galveston Lodge, No. 3, Galveston, Texas.

Tennessee Lodge, No. 2, Nashville, Tenn.

In addition to which, your Agent has the pleasure to inform you, that Merrimack Lodge, at Lowell, Massachusetts, has resumed its labors under favorable auspices, and profiting by late reverses, will no doubt proceed prosperously.

Charters for Grand Encampments have been granted to the subordinate Encampments in the states of New York, Ohio,|| and Kentucky;§ and charters for the following subordinate Encampments, to wit:

* *Presented his credentials.*—The Committee on Petitions, to whom these credentials were referred, do not appear to have made report on the subject; nor does the name of the brother officiating, appear in any portion of the archives; yet he is alluded to as taking part in the deliberations on the opening of the afternoon session.

† *Special Committee.*—The names of the residue of this committee are omitted, and the report is signed by the chairman.

‡ *South Carolina Lodge, No. 1.*—An effort, partially successful, was made to introduce the Order at the location of this lodge, as early as 1822. It was undertaken by brothers John Dyott, ——— Robinson and ——— Parkerson, who had been members of Pennsylvania Lodge in Philadelphia, and on removing to Charleston, united with two brothers from England, whose names are not remembered. The most presumptive mode adopted was that of self-institution, although it is claimed that a dispensation was obtained from Philadelphia, which, of course, is unfounded, as the lodge there had no warrant until 1823, and would not likely venture to issue any while destitute itself. It is not a little singular, that the title assumed by the lodge seems to have been entirely lost; yet its several locations are well established. Its first sessions were held at S. Scyles' hall, in Meeting street, and afterward removed to Rouch's hall, Chalmers street; and continued in operation about two years. Brother Dyott was the first N. G.; the other officers are unknown. Of those formerly attached to this nameless body, Alexander McDonald and Edward Sebring are now enrolled among the worthy brothers of South Carolina. Time may here, as it has in other places, bring forth interesting reminiscences relative to this pioneer movement. Dr. Holbrook, of Florida, and C. C. Sebring, Esq., of New York, were among the number of its early members.

|| *Ohio.*—The Grand Encampment of Ohio was instituted at Cincinnati, on the 21st September, 1839, when R. R. Andrews was installed Grand Patriarch.

§ *Kentucky.*—The Grand Encampment of Kentucky was opened at Louisville, November 21st, 1839, when the following officers were installed, viz: Henry Wolford, M. W. G. P.; Peleg Kidd, M. E. G. H. P.; Levi White, R. W. G. S. W.; Jesse Vansickle, R. W. G. J. W.; S. S. Barnes, R. W. G. Scribe; John Thomas, R. W. G. Treas.

Chosen Friends' Encampment, No. 2, Galena, Illinois.

Nimrod Encampment, No. 3, Steubenville, Ohio.

It has not been in the power of your Agent to visit officially the Grand and Subordinate Lodges at the North and East, since his last report; but he hopes to perform that most pleasing part of his duty during the ensuing winter.

THOMAS WILDEY, *P. Grand Sire.*

The following report, submitted with the report of the Travelling Agent, as ordered to be entered on the journal and printed.

to P. G. SIRE THOMAS WILDEY:

In accordance with my duty, and the power vested in me by you, I proceeded, on the 18th day of August, to the Knickerbocker Lodge room, held in Shakspeare Hotel, in the city of New York, for the purpose of opening and delivering the dispensation for a Grand Encampment in the state of New York. The following P. C. Patriarchs, applicants for the dispensation, were present to receive the same, viz: John A. Kennedy, James Alcock, Charles McGowan, Harvey F. Aubery and Joseph Patterson, of Mt. Hebron Encampment, No. 2; and Joseph D. Stewart and Wilson Small, of Mt. Sinai Encampment, No. 3.

After stating the object of my mission, and the power in me vested, for opening the Grand Encampment, to be located in the city of New York, directed the officers to be elected previous to my delivering the dispensation, which was complied with, and the following Patriarchs were nominated and duly elected, viz:

CHARLES MCGOWAN, Grand Patriarch.

THEODORE FROST, Grand High Priest.

WILSON SMALL, Grand Senior Warden.

JAMES ALCOCK, Grand Scribe.

JOHN A. KENNEDY, Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Encampment was then opened in due form, according to ancient usage, and the Grand Patriarch and Officers were duly installed to their respective offices, and then declared in the name of the Grand Lodge of the United States of America, a duly constituted Grand Encampment, of L O O F., for the state of New York.

FREDERICK LEISE.

New York, August 18th, 1839.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, moved that the report of the Travelling Agent be referred to the committee on the Work of the Order.

Rep. Bain, of Virginia, moved, as an amendment, that it lay on the table until the printed report of the Grand Sire be received, which motion prevailed.

A petition was presented from brothers William N. McKenney and others, praying for a charter for an Encampment of Patriarchs, to be located at Fredericksburg, Virginia, and hailed by the title of "Washington Encampment, No. 6."

A petition was presented from brothers R. A. Worrell and others, praying for a charter for an Encampment of Patriarchs, to be located at Petersburg, Virginia, and hailed by the title of "Glazier Encampment, No. 7."

A petition was presented from brothers John G. Potts and others, praying for a charter for an Encampment of Patriarchs, to be located at the town of Galena, Illinois, and hailed by the title of "Chosen Friends' Encampment, No. 2."

On motion, the petitions were referred to the Committee on Petitions.

A communication was presented, in which complaint was made by Neilson Encampment, No. 2, against Wildey Encampment, No. 3, of Virginia.

Rep. Bain, of Virginia, moved that it be referred to a special committee of three, which motion prevailed.

The Chair named Rep's Sanderson, of Kentucky; Hewitt, of Pennsylvania; and Small, of New York, as the committee.

A report was received from Lone Star Lodge, No. 1, Texas, and referred to the Committee on Reports.

A petition was presented from Lone Star Lodge, No. 1, Texas, praying for a charter for a Grand Lodge to be located at Houston, Texas.

A petition was presented from Alabama Lodge, No. 1, and Mobile Lodge, No. 2, Alabama, praying for a charter for a Grand Lodge of Alabama, to be located at Mobile.

On motion, the petitions were referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, moved that the proceedings of the Annual Communication of 1838, be referred to a select committee of three, which was decided in the affirmative.

The Chair named Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania; P. G. Sire Wildey; and Rep. Marley, of Maryland, as the committee.

A petition was presented from Alabama Lodge, No. 1, Mobile, asking the remission of its dues to this Grand Lodge.

P. G. Sire Wildey moved that the prayer be granted, which was lost.

Rep. Sanderson, of Kentucky, moved that it be referred to the Committee on Petitions, which motion prevailed.

P. G. Sire Wildey presented a petition from sundry brethren of Albany, New York, when, on motion, he had leave to withdraw said petition.

P. D. G. Sire Pearce, from the special committee appointed to visit Albany, state of New York, at the Annual Communication of 1838, presented the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The committee appointed by the Grand Lodge of the United States, at its regular session held in the city of Baltimore, October, 1838, whose duty it was "to visit Albany, and endeavour to impress upon the brethren in Albany and Rensselaer counties, the propriety and necessity of their submitting to the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New York," beg leave to report :

That in pursuance of the duties assigned them, your committee proceeded to Albany in the month of November last, when they had the pleasure of becoming acquainted with a number of the brethren of that city. They made known the object of their visit amongst the members of the Order, and visited two of the lodges at their regular meetings. After which they attended a general meeting of the Order, convened for the purpose of receiving your committee. To the large and respectable meeting there assembled, your committee made known the great anxiety

which was felt by the Grand Lodge of the United States, that union and harmony should be restored among the lodges in the state of New York. And that it was essentially necessary that all the lodges within the state should submit to the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New York, as at present located and established in the city of New York.

In urging these measures and opinions before the brethren of Albany, your committee felt authorized to state such facts, and use such arguments as in their opinion were required by the good of the Order, and the established rules and regulations thereof. But your committee are compelled, with much regret, to state that their efforts to induce the dissenting lodges of Albany to acknowledge the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New York, and take their charters from that body, were met by a peremptory refusal. And not only did they refuse submission to the Grand Lodge of New York, but they also refused to acknowledge the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Having failed to accomplish any thing favorable to the harmony of the lodges at the general meeting, your committee afterwards attended a meeting of some of the most influential members of the recusant lodges, convened at the house of P. G. M. Charles Dillon, at which meeting the subjects of difference between the lodges within the state, were freely discussed, and some of the brethren seemed anxious that union and harmony might once more be restored. Nothing, however, was done calculated to produce such a desirable result. Deeply regretting the failure of their mission, your committee left Albany under the painful conviction, that no efforts of theirs would be sufficient to induce the dissenting lodges of Albany to submit to the jurisdiction and government of the state Grand Lodge of New York. Returning from Albany your committee visited Poughkeepsie, where they found the Order in a prosperous condition. A meeting of the brethren was convened, at which your committee attended, and were pleased to learn that the brethren of that place were ardently disposed to adhere to, and sustain the Grand Lodge of New York, as established by this Grand Lodge.

Your committee were accompanied to Albany by G. M. Stewart, of the city of New York, to whom, together with D. G. M. Brown, and brothers Whale and Van Schoonhoven, of Albany, your committee are indebted for much valuable assistance in the prosecution of their duties.

On reaching New York city, a meeting of the Grand Lodge of the state was convened, at which your committee attended, and informed the brethren present that there were no prospects at present of the recusant lodges of Albany submitting to the government of their Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN PEARCE,
JOHN McCULLEY.

On motion of Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, the report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Rep. Small, of New York, moved that the Grand Lodge meet this evening, at eight o'clock, for the purpose of communicating instructions in the Work of the Order, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Marley, of Maryland, moved that the installation of officers take place this afternoon, at three o'clock, which was concurred in.

The Grand Sire elect tendered the following, which was read ; and, on motion, unanimously declined.

*" To the M. W. G. Sire, Officers, and Representatives,
of the Grand Lodge of the United States :*

The subscriber feeling himself grateful for the honor conferred on him by his election to the office of Grand Sire for the ensuing term, duly sensible of his incompetency to discharge its duties with credit to himself and your honorable body, most respectfully offers this as his resignation.

ZENAS B. GLAZIER.

BALTIMORE, April 22, 1840."

The Grand Secretary presented an appeal from brother James D. McCabe, and others, Past Grands and Representatives of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, which was read and referred to Rep. Marley, of Maryland ; P. G. Sire Wildey ; and Rep. Hewitt, of Pennsylvania.

The Grand Secretary read the communication received from England.

On motion of Rep. Small, of New York, it was referred to a special committee of three.

The Chair named P. G. Sire Wildey ; Rep's Hopkins, of Pennsylvania ; and McCulley, of New Jersey, as the committee.

Rep. McCulley, of New Jersey, from the Committee on Petitions, presented the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition of Alabama Lodge, No. 1, Mobile, asking the remission of dues, beg leave to report :

That they have examined the petition, and find that the brethren there have suffered seriously by sickness and death, and therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

JOHN McCULLEY,
GEORGE M. BAIN,
WILLIAM W. MOORE.

On motion, the report was accepted, and the resolution adopted.

Rep. McCulley, of New Jersey, from the Committee on Petitions, presented the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Petitions, to whom the applications on the subject have been referred, respectfully recommend:

That a charter for an Encampment of Patriarchs, to be located in the town of Fredericksburg, Va., be granted to brothers William N. McKenny, Charles Kain, Charles Bayley, Frederick Sheffield, Benjamin Clarke, Benjamin R. Hillyard, Francis H. Beal and Thomas Phillips ; said Encampment to be known by the name of "Washington Encampment, No. 6."

That a charter be granted to Brothers R. A. Worrell, William A. Davis, T. C. Benteen, Lewis J. Pagaud, Samuel Drummond, James McIlvaine, George B. Morgan, Thomas Hall, and William J. Higginbotham,

Encampment of Patriarchs, under the name and style of "Glazier Encampment, No. 7," to be located in the town of Petersburg, in the state of Virginia.

Let a charter for an Encampment of Patriarchs, under the style and name of "Marley Encampment, No. 2," to be located at Alexandria, D. C., be granted to brothers J. J. Proctor, James Dolan, S. W. Aubinse, John A. George Kinner, William C. Reynolds, and Hugh Latham, all of whom are in good standing, of Potomac Lodge, No. 8, of the District of Columbia.

Let a charter for an Encampment of Patriarchs, to be recognized under the title of "Chosen Friends' Encampment, No. 2," and to be located in the town of Galena, in the state of Illinois, be granted to brothers John A. Hann, Daniel Hann, F. W. Schwatka, W. C. Taylor, John Messersmith, E. W. Snow, C. Kattenback, Andrew Kilpatrick, and John L. Baker, *Provided*, That the officers of this Grand Lodge be satisfied that the above named brethren possess the necessary qualifications, and have complied with the regulations, so far as to entitle them to such a charter as they ask for.

JOHN McCULLEY,
GEORGE M. BAIN,
WILLIAM W. MOORE.

On motion, the report was accepted, and the charters granted.

The Corresponding Secretary presented the various communications received by him since last Annual Session, which were referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

On motion of P. G. Sire Wildey, the Grand Lodge adjourned until nine o'clock, this afternoon.

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WEDNESDAY, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment; Present, the Officers and a due representation.

Rep. ———, of Delaware, moved that the installation be postponed until five o'clock this afternoon, which was concurred in.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, from the special committee to whom was referred the communication from the Grand Lodge of New York, presented the following report.

the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The committee to whom was referred the communication from the Grand Lodge of New York, respectfully report:

That they have given the subject due consideration, and on inspection of the minutes of the Grand Lodge of the United States, for October Session, 1838, it appears that the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, by the Grand Lodge of the United States, That no brother can at the same time hold office or membership in two distinct state Grand Lodges, or subordinate ones, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge."

That this resolution was not published in the proceedings of the Annual Communication of 1838—that the omission to print it did not arise from any fault of the Grand Secretary, but from a misconception of a motion on a subject connected with this resolution.

Your committee therefore recommend, that the above resolution be published and appended to the proceedings of this Annual Session.

Your committee further report, that the resolution is prospective in its character, and to be the rule of government in future ; and does not apply to what may have been done by Grand or Subordinate Lodges on the subject heretofore.

Your committee offer the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the Representative of New York be furnished with a copy of the above resolution, to be communicated by him to the Grand Lodge of New York, as required by it.

Resolved, That each Grand Lodge be requested to adopt a resolution, forbidding the subordinate lodges under their jurisdiction to admit as a member any brother who, at the same time, is a member of any other subordinate lodge, or to confer degrees upon any such brother.

HOWELL HOPKINS,
THOMAS WILDEY,
RICHARD MARLEY.

On motion, the report was accepted, and the resolutions were adopted.

Rep. Marley, of Maryland, from the special committee to whom was referred the appeal of James D. McCabe and others, presented the following report, which was accepted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The committee to whom was referred the appeal of James D. McCabe, James Nesbitt, Peter W. Grubbs and James C. Walker, Past Grands and Representatives of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, report :

That the application of the 22d Rule of Order to their cases was just, and in accordance with the ancient customs of the Order, which require that when a question connected with conferring the degrees on a brother is about to be taken, he or they should retire, so that the decision may not be influenced by their presence.

On the principle involved, your committee think there can be no question, as there is no authority existing in the Order to confer the degrees attached to the respective offices on any brother who has not served to the end of the term for which he was elected. Dispensation only dispenses with the necessary qualifications to *take* office.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

RICHARD MARLEY,
THOMAS WILDEY,
ANDREW C. HEWITT.

Rep. McCulley, of New Jersey, from the Committee on Petitions, presented the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred a resolution of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, adopted on the 14th instant, requesting that the

charter of said Grand Lodge be so altered and amended, as to allow its Communications to be held in the town of Petersburg, instead of the city of Richmond; and also a protest of sundry Past Grands of Virginia, against the removal of said Grand Lodge as aforesaid, have had the subject under consideration, and respectfully report:

That so far as their information extends, they see no just reason to refuse the request of the Grand Lodge of Virginia. It appears that every lodge in the state was represented at the time the resolution proposing to change its location, was introduced; and that on the question of removal from Richmond, the majority was a most decisive one—seventeen lodges being in favor of it, and but two against it; every lodge in the state being represented at the time, and only two of them by proxy. The vote afterwards taken in favor of the Petersburg location, was carried by twelve to five, which was probably as strong a vote as could be obtained in favor of any other section of the state, as it may be reasonably supposed that in cases of this kind, many members would be induced to record their votes in the negative, without entertaining any valid objection to the place proposed, but merely in the hope that some town more convenient to themselves, and the interest of their lodge, might ultimately be selected. Your committee refer the Grand Lodge to the evidence herewith transmitted, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That the charter of the Grand Lodge of the state of Virginia, be so altered as to locate the said Grand Lodge at Petersburg, instead of Richmond, whenever it shall be made known that two-thirds of all the lodges are in favor of such removal.

JOHN McCULLEY,
GEORGE M. BAIN,
WILLIAM W. MOORE.

On motion, the report was re-committed.

Rep. McCulley, of New Jersey, from the Committee on Petitions, to whom was re-committed the report relative to the Grand Lodge of Virginia, presented the same report, with the following resolution, in place of the one before submitted.

Resolved, That so soon as the Grand Sire be officially informed that two-thirds of the lodges in Virginia agree that the Grand Lodge of Virginia be removed to Petersburg, that he be authorized to alter its charter so as to read Petersburg, instead of Richmond.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, offered the following, as an amendment, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Virginia be permitted to remove the Grand Lodge from Richmond to Petersburg, when two-thirds of the subordinate lodges of said Grand Lodge shall certify to the Grand Lodge of Virginia, that it is the will of said subordinate lodges that the Grand Lodge of Virginia shall be removed to Petersburg.

When, on motion, the report and resolution as amended, was re-committed to the Committee on Petitions.

The Grand Sire announced that the hour had arrived for the installation of the Grand Officers.

Whereupon, Rep. Sanderson, of Kentucky, moved a postponement of the installation until to-morrow morning, at nine o'clock, which was decided in the affirmative.

Rep. Sanderson, of Kentucky, from the special committee to whom was referred the complaint of Neilson Encampment, No. 2, against Wildey Encampment, No. 3, of Virginia, presented the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The select committee to whom was referred the petition of Neilson Encampment, No. 2, Richmond, Va., complaining against the proceedings of Wildey Encampment, No. 3, at Portsmouth, Va., in conferring the Golden Rule and Royal Purple degrees on Patriarch Walker, of Neilson Encampment, No. 2, beg leave to report :

That on examination of the case, it appears that Wildey Encampment, No. 3, conferred the degrees in direct violation of the rights and privileges of Neilson Encampment, as conferred by this Grand Lodge; they would therefore offer the following resolutions :

Resolved, That Wildey Encampment, No. 3, at Portsmouth, Va., acted irregularly in conferring degrees on Patriarch Walker, he being at the time a regular member of Neilson Encampment, No. 2, and that they pay the regular fees of the second and third degrees, to No. 2.

Resolved, That on the payment of the regular fees to Neilson Encampment, No. 2, it is hereby authorized to admit Patriarch Walker the same as if he had taken the degrees in said Encampment.

HENRY S. SANDERSON,
WILSON SMALL,
ANDREW C. HEWITT.

On motion, the report was accepted, and the resolutions were adopted.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That so much of the report of the Grand Sire as refers to the issue of dispensations to lodges and Encampments, be referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Rep. Small, of New York, offered the following preamble and resolution, which was read.

Whereas, This Grand Lodge from time to time have thought proper to appoint committees to settle difficulties existing in the Order in the state of New York; And *Whereas*, the said committees have been unable to effect the object for which they were appointed; And *Whereas*, there is a regular constituted Grand Lodge in said state, who have full power and jurisdiction over all subordinate lodges in said state: Therefore

Resolved, That it is inexpedient for this Grand Lodge to take any further action on the present difficulties in the state of New York.

Whereupon, Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, offered the following :

Resolved, That so much of the report of G. Sire Perkins as refers to the lodges in the state of New York, the resolution of Rep. Small, of New York, and the petition of certain Past Grands of Albany, state of New York, be referred to a special committee to consider and report.

The yeas and nays being called, were as follows :

YEAS—Rep's Hopkins, Wildey, Mathiot and P. G. Sire Wildey—4.

NAYS—Rep's Marley, 2 votes; Small, 2 votes; Hewitt, Moore, Sanderson, McCulley, and Bain, 2 votes—10.

The motion was therefore lost.

Rep. Small, of New York, moved to refer the preamble and resolution offered by him, together with so much of the Grand Sire's report as relates to the same subject, to a special committee, which was decided in the affirmative.

The Chair appointed Rep's Hopkins, of Pennsylvania; Bain, of Virginia; and Sanderson, of Kentucky, as the committee.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, asked to be excused from serving on the committee, which was determined in the negative.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, moved that the petition presented by him from the Past Grands of Albany, state of New York, be received by this Grand Lodge, which was concurred in.

Rep. Mathiot, of Illinois, moved that the petition be referred to the committee on the Grand Sire's report.

Rep. Small, of New York, called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:

YEAS—Rep's Hopkins, Hewitt; Bain, 2 votes; Wildey, Mathiot and P. G. Sire Wildey—8.

NAYS—Rep's Marley, 2 votes: Small, 2 votes; Moore and McCulley—6.

So the motion was determined in the affirmative.

Rep. McCulley, of New Jersey, from the Committee on Petitions, to whom was re-committed their report relative to the removal of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, presented an amended report and resolution.

Rep. Small, of New York, moved to refer the report to a special committee,* which motion prevailed.

P. G. Sire Wildey offered the following Amendment to the Constitution:

"That the several Grand Lodges may elect their Representatives or appoint their Proxy for two years; and that such Representative or Proxy shall hold his office until superceded by a new election or Representative. And that the certificate of the Representative or Proxy shall be so altered as to conform to this amendment."

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until eight o'clock, this evening.

WEDNESDAY, 8 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, the Officers and a due representation.

P. G. Sire Wildey proceeded to give his instructions on the Work of the Order.

Rep. Hopkins, from the special committee, to whom was referred the translation into German, of the Work of subordinate Encampments, &c., presented the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee to whom was referred the copy of the Work of the Order, relating to subordinate Encampments, as translated into German, by authority of the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, as presented by Rep. Hewitt, of Pennsylvania, respectfully report:

* *Special Committee.*—There is no record of this committee having been appointed; nor is there any other evidence of such a committee, if appointed, having acted on the subject of reference; by which the question involved, not appearing again before the Grand Lodge, remained in the same state as when first introduced.

That the translation of the Work of the Order into German, will tend to the advancement of the Order, and the benefit of the brethren, by enabling them to receive, understand, and enjoy the higher degrees of the Order, which, heretofore, for want of knowledge of the English language, they have not been able to participate in. They therefore offer the following resolutions.

Resolved, That the copy of the Work of the Order relating to the subordinate Encampments, as translated by authority of the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, be received and acknowledged by this Grand Lodge, and that the same be printed for the use of the Order.

Resolved, That when printed, each German Encampment shall be furnished with a set of working books, they paying the usual and customary price therefor.

The same committee to whom was referred the matter of the translation into French, of the Work of the Order for subordinate Lodges, report:

That the authority granted by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to translate the same into French, be confirmed. And the Work of the Order for subordinate lodges so translated into French, will tend to benefit the Order, by extending knowledge of its admirable principles to an extensive class of the human family, who are not able to comprehend it at present, for want of a sufficient knowledge of the English language.

The committee therefore recommend the following resolutions.

Resolved, That the translation of the Work of the Order into French, be approved.

Resolved, That it be printed by the Grand Lodge, and each French lodge connected with the Order shall be furnished with a set of books, upon paying this Grand Lodge the usual and customary price therefor.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HOWELL HOPKINS,
THOMAS WILDEY,
JOHN McCULLEY.

On motion, the report was accepted, and the resolutions adopted.

Rep. Bain, of Virginia, from the Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Sire's report as relates to the issue of dispensations to the several applicants for lodges and Encampments, reported verbally in favor of the same, and offered the following, which were unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That the acts of the Grand Sire in granting dispensations to open Quinpiac Lodge, No. 1, at New Haven; Charter Oak Lodge, No. 2, at Hartford; and Middlesex Lodge, No. 3, at East Haddam, in the state of Connecticut, be approved, and that charters be granted to said lodges.

Resolved, That the act of the Grand Sire in granting a dispensation to Wildey Encampment, No. 3, at Portsmouth, Virginia, to continue their labors, be approved, and that a charter be granted to said Encampment.

Resolved, That the act of the Grand Sire in granting a charter for the opening of an Encampment of Patriarchs in the city of New York, to be hailed by the title of "Mt. Sinai Encampment of Patriarchs, No. 3," be approved and confirmed.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, April 23d, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, the Officers and a due representation.

The proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

The Grand Sire stated that the time had arrived for the installation of Grand Officers.

Whereupon, Rep. Sanderson, of Kentucky, offered the following preamble and resolution.

Whereas, P. G. M. Mondelli, D. Grand Sire elect, having appeared at the regular Communication of this Grand Lodge, October Session, 1839, and there not being a quorum of the Grand Lodge present, he could not be installed, and it being impossible for him to be present at this Communication, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the installation of D. G. Sire Mondelli, be postponed until October Session, 1840.

Rep. Ridgely, of Ohio, moved that the subject be referred to a special committee, and the Chair be ex-officio chairman of the said committee, which was decided in the affirmative.

The chair named Rep's Ridgely of Ohio; Sanderson, of Kentucky; and Bain, of Virginia; the committee.

The Grand Sire appointed P. G. Sire Wildey, and Rep. _____, of Delaware, to present the Officers elect, for installation; when the following were presented and duly installed, viz:

P. G. M. ZENAS B. GLAZIER,	M. W. G. Sire.
P. D. G. M. WILLIAM G. COOK,	R. W. G. Secretary.
P. G. ANDREW E. WARNER,	R. W. G. Treasurer.

The Grand Sire made the following appointments, which were, on motion, confirmed, viz:

P. G. M. GEORGE M. BAIN, of Virginia,	W. G. Chaplain.
P. G. GOTLEIB F. BUHRE, of Maryland,	W. G. Guardian.
P. G. JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN, of Maryland,	W. G. Messenger.

Who were presented, and duly installed.

Rep. Bain, of Virginia, offered the following, which was adopted.

Resolved, That so much of the Grand Sire's report as is embraced in the first paragraph on the 6th page, (pamphlet copy,) with the accompanying documents, be referred to a special committee of three, with instructions to collect, embody, and prepare a compilation of the laws, rules and regulations, by which the Order in general should be governed, and make a report to this Grand Lodge at its next Session.

The Chair named P. G. Sires Perkins and Wildey, and Rep. Bain, of Virginia. the committee.

Rep. Ridgely, of Ohio, moved that the special committee to whom was referred the report of the Grand Sire, be discharged, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Ridgely, of Ohio, offered the following, which was adopted.

Resolved, That so much of the report of the Grand Sire as relates to the general increase and prosperity of the Order, be referred to the Committee on the state of the Order.

Rep. Ridgely, of Ohio, offered the following, which was decided in the affirmative.

Resolved, That so much as relates to the granting of dispensations for the organization of new lodges and Encampments; the form of the dispensation issued therefor, and the return made thereon; the instructions accompanying the same, and so much as relates to the special dispensations granted by the Grand Sire to Wildey Encampment, No. 3, of the state of Virginia, be referred to the committee on the Work of the Order.

On motion of Rep. Ridgely, of Ohio, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That there be appointed, in addition to the Standing Committees, a Standing Committee on the state of the Order at large.

The Grand Sire announced the following, in accordance with the foregoing.

On the State of the Order at large.—Rep. Ridgely, of Ohio; P. G. Sire Perkins, and Rep. Bain, of Virginia.

Rep. Sanderson, of Kentucky, offered the following, which were adopted.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to procure the necessary regalia and jewels for the Grand Sire, Past Grand Sires, and Officers of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the said committee report a suitable regalia and jewels to be worn by the Grand Representatives of the Grand Lodge, so that there shall be a uniformity of regalia in the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That each Grand Lodge, working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, be requested to procure the necessary regalia and jewels for its Representatives, the same to be left in the charge of the Grand Officers of this Grand Lodge, so that they may be kept in a suitable order to be used by the Representatives at all meetings of this Grand Lodge of the United States.

The Chair named Rep's Sanderson, of Kentucky; Hopkins, of Pennsylvania; and P. G. Sire Wildey, the committee.

Rep. Sanderson, of Kentucky, offered the following, which was decided in the affirmative.

Resolved, That the Representative of Virginia be authorized, under the seal of this Grand Lodge, to transmit a copy of the resolution authorizing the change of location of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, to the various subordinate lodges under its jurisdiction, and that so soon as two-thirds of said lodges do officially inform him of their assent, he shall inform the Grand Sire of said compliance.

Rep. McCulley, of New Jersey, from the Committee on Petitions, presented the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition of brethren residing at Houston, Texas, for a Charter to institute a Grand Lodge in that republic, waiving, for the present, any comment on the propriety of this Grand Lodge assuming the responsibility of locating a Grand Lodge in a foreign country, beg leave to report:

That the petition does not appear to be drawn up in the regular form for applications of this nature; it being signed by five P. G.'s, and one N. G., all of whom appear to belong to the same lodge, while the Constitution of this Grand Lodge requires that such application, when intended for Grand Lodges to be located in this country, shall come from two distinct subordinate lodges. Your committee, therefore, ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the petition herein referred to, and that it be laid on the table.

JOHN McCULLEY,
GEORGE M. BAIN,
WILLIAM W. MOORE.

On motion of Rep. Bain, of Virginia, the report was accepted.

Rep. McCulley, of New Jersey, from the Committee on Petitions, presented the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Petitions, respectfully report, in relation to the application of Alabama Lodge, No. 1, and Mobile Lodge, No. 2, for a charter for a Grand Lodge in the state of Alabama,

That the petitioners having failed to observe the requirements of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge in making said application, they recommend that said petition be laid on the table.

JOHN McCULLEY,
GEORGE M. BAIN,
WILLIAM W. MOORE.

On motion of Rep. Bain, of Virginia, the report was accepted.

P. G. Sire Wildey, from the Committee on Reports, presented the following report, which was accepted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Reports, to whom was referred the returns from the several Grand and subordinate lodges and Encampments, have examined those presented at the present Communication, and find them correct as far as received, viz :

Grand Lodges of Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania, District of Columbia, Louisiana, New Jersey, Kentucky, Virginia, Mississippi, Indiana, Missouri and Illinois. Subordinate lodges—Lone Star, No. 1, Texas; Alabama, No. 1, Alabama; Far West, No. 1, Arkansas; and Quinnipiac, No. 1, Connecticut. Grand Encampments of Maryland and New York. Subordinate Encampments—Trenton, No. 2, New Jersey; Neilson, No. 2, Wildey, No. 3, and Jerusalem, No. 4, Virginia; Mt. Moriah, No. 3, Kentucky; Nimrod, No. 3, Ohio; Wildey, No. 1, Missouri; Columbia, No. 1, District of Columbia; and Wildey, No. 1, Mississippi.

THOMAS WILDEY, *Chairman.*

Rep. Small, of New York, offered the following resolutions.

Resolved, That the charters granted to the several lodges and Encampments, as appears in the report of the Travelling Agent, be, and the same are hereby approved, and confirmed.

Resolved, That hereafter, when application is made for a new lodge or Encampment, the Grand Sire, if he deems it advisable, shall issue his dispensation for the same, which, on being confirmed by this Grand Lodge at its next stated meeting, shall entitle it to a charter.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, moved that the resolutions be considered separately, which was agreed to.

The question recurring on the first resolution, it was unanimously adopted.

Rep. Ridgely, of Ohio moved the second resolution be referred to the special committee on the Grand Sire's report, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Small, of New York, offered the following, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and is hereby instructed, to have forty copies of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, from the Annual Communication of 1835, to April 21st, 1840, inclusive, bound for the use of the Representatives and Officers of this Grand Lodge.

P. G. Sire Wildey presented an application for a Grand Encampment charter for Pennsylvania.

Rep. Bain, of Virginia, moved that the petition be referred to the Committee on Petitions.

P. G. Sire Wildey asked leave to withdraw the application, which, on motion, was granted.

Rep. Ridgely, of Ohio, offered the following resolution, which was decided in the affirmative.

Resolved, That the Committee of Correspondence have leave to report upon the voluminous correspondence submitted to them, at the next session of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Bain, of Virginia, offered the following, which were adopted.

Resolved, That so much of the Grand Sire's report* as refers to information asked by G. M. W. S. Stewart, of St. Louis Mo., with the letter spoken of, be referred to the Committee on the Work of the Order.

Resolved, That the parties spoken of in the Grand Sire's report, page 7, paragraph two, (pamphlet copy,) have leave to withdraw their appeal and complaint.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, from the special committee to whom was referred the Form of Funeral Obsequies, as presented by Rep's Maryland, and Bain, of Virginia, presented the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The committee to whom was referred the applications from the Grand Lodge of Virginia, and also from the Grand Lodge of Maryland, in relation to the Funeral Obsequies, and suggesting certain alterations therein, respectfully report :

That after a careful examination of the subject matter referred to, your committee are of opinion that alteration in the Funeral Obsequies is not requisite. That the object of the several Grand Lodges can be met by their own action, as it is already provided that the Grand Chaplain may select such parts of the Funeral Obsequies as to him seem meet ; and he is not bound to follow literally, the form as printed. Your committee therefore offer the following resolution :

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

HOWELL HOPKINS,
THOMAS WILDEY,
JOHN McCULLEY.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution adopted.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until three o'clock, this afternoon.

THURSDAY, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment : Present, the Officers and a due representation.

* *Grand Sire's report.*—The committee to whom the duty of allotting the several subjects embraced in the Grand Sire's report was referred, do not appear to have performed the duty assigned. No formal report appears, and the Representatives indiscriminately offered motions for the reference of its several parts.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on the Work of the Order, presented the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the Work of the Order, respectfully report :

That they have examined the form for dispensations to open Lodges, Encampments, and Grand Encampments and Grand Lodges, and being of opinion that they are correct, recommend their approval.

They therefore offer the following :

Resolved, That the forms adopted by P. G. Sire Perkins, for dispensations to open lodges and Encampments, be the form to be used in future.

The same committee, to whom was referred the resolution offered by Rep. Small, of New York, report the same without amendment.

HOWELL HOPKINS,
JAMES L. RIDGELY,
THOMAS WILDEY.

On motion, the report was accepted, and the resolution adopted.

The question then recurred on the resolution as submitted by Rep. Small, of New York, on Thursday morning, and recommended by the committee, and was decided in the affirmative.

Rep. Bain, of Virginia, offered the following, which was unanimously adopted.

Resolved, unanimously, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be, and the same are hereby presented to P. G. Sire Samuel H. Perkins, for the able, dignified and courteous manner in which he has discharged the duties of Grand Sire.

P. G. Sire Wildey, from the special committee, appointed to procure a Diploma, presented the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The committee appointed to procure a suitable Diploma for this Grand Lodge, respectfully report :

That they have so far completed their labors as will enable the Grand Lodge to take some action for the disposition of the same.

The committee will deliver in a few days, the plate and one thousand copies of the Diploma, to the order of this Grand Lodge, or the Grand Sire.

The committee have procured English copper plate printing paper as per sample herewith exhibited. If any are wanted on parchment, the Grand Lodge will please to give directions accordingly.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS WILDEY,
JOHN PEARCE.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, moved the report be accepted, and the bill be paid as soon as finished, which was decided in the affirmative.

Rep. Ridgely, of Ohio, offered the following, which was unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby directed to have prepared, upon a large sheet of vellum paper, in handsome style of penmanship, a copy of the

vote of thanks unanimously presented to P. G. Sire Perkins this day, and to transmit the same to him, duly attested by the signatures of the Grand Officers, and with the seal of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

P. G. Sire Perkins, from the special committee to whom was referred the subject of the installation of D. Grand Sire, presented the following report, which was accepted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The committee to whom was referred the subject of the installation of the R. W. D. Grand Sire, respectfully report :

That at the Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge in October, 1838, P. G. M. A. Mondelli was elected R. W. D. Grand Sire :—that he attended the stated meeting next ensuing his election, in the city of Philadelphia, in October, 1839 ; but a quorum not being in attendance, the officers elect were not then installed. That the R. W. D. Grand Sire elect, cannot attend this adjourned Communication—by Article XIII, of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge it is provided, that in case of death, resignation, disqualification or refusal to serve of any elective or appointed officer, the Grand Sire shall appoint some qualified brother to perform the duties until the next stated meeting. Your committee are of opinion that it is competent for the Grand Sire by virtue of this Article, to appoint a qualified brother to perform the duties of R. W. D. Grand Sire, till the next stated meeting of this Grand Lodge.

SAMUEL H. PERKINS,
JAMES L. RIDGELY,
GEORGE M. BAIN.

P. G. Sire Wildey, from the special committee to whom was referred the complaint against the Encampment at Richmond, presented a report, which on motion of Rep. Ridgely, of Ohio, was re-committed to the committee.

Rep. Hewitt, of Pennsylvania, presented a communication from the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, relative to the Regalia, which was read.

Whereupon, Rep. Ridgely, of Ohio, offered the following, which was adopted.

Whereas, The Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania has applied to the Grand Lodge of the United States for advice and instruction upon the subject of Regalia, and it appears that the said Grand Encampment is not under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, but under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and that the Grand Lodge of the United States cannot entertain this subject : therefore, be it

Resolved, That the said Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania have leave, very respectfully, to withdraw its application.

Rep. Hewitt, of Pennsylvania, offered the following Amendment to the Constitution.

That Article VIII, of the Constitution be so amended as to read, " That Past Grand Sires shall be admitted to a seat in this Grand Lodge, and be entitled to one vote on all questions coming before this Grand Lodge : *Provided*, he be not a Special or Proxy Representative."

On motion of Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, the Grand Lodge adjourned until nine o'clock, to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, April 24th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment : Present, the Officers and a due representation.

The Grand Sire, in the absence of the D. Grand Sire, *pro tem.*, appointed G. Master Dale, of Mississippi, as D. Grand Sire, *pro tem.*, for the term.

P. G. Sire Wildey, from the special committee to whom was referred the report of the celebration of the Order at Fredericksburg, Va., presented the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The special committee to whom was referred the report of the celebration of the Order, which took place in the town of Fredericksburg, Va., by Rappahannock Lodge, No. 14, I. O. O. F., on the 14th day of February last, have had the same under their serious consideration, and would beg leave to report :

That the committee are of the unanimous opinion, that the members of the Encampment located in the city of Richmond, Va., are highly censurable for their irregular conduct in conferring the Encampment degrees on brothers of Rappahannock Lodge, No. 14, illegally and unauthorized.

All of which is respectfully submitted

THOMAS WILDEY, *Chairman.*

On motion of Rep. Small, of New York, the report was accepted, and the committee discharged.

Rep. Bain, of Virginia, moved that the Grand Secretary be requested to send a certified copy of the above report to Neilson Encampment, No. 2, which was concurred in.

Rep. Marley, of Maryland, offered the following amendment to the Constitution, which was read, and referred to the next Annual Session, viz :

" That the Constitution be so altered, as to admit the Grand Encampments to a representation in the Grand Lodge of the United States."

Rep. Small, of New York, presented the following resolutions, adopted in the Grand Encampment of New York, which were read.

" *Resolved*, That this Grand Encampment proffer to the Grand Lodge of the United States, the amount of dues such as state Grand Lodges pay, in order to entitle this Grand Encampment to a Representative in that body.

" *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Grand Encampment, that Grand Encampments subordinate to the Grand Lodge of the United States, are equally, with Grand Lodges, entitled to a representation in the Grand Lodge of the United States, on the payment of the same dues."

Rep. Sanderson, of Kentucky, offered an apology for the absence of Rep. McCulley, of New Jersey, which was accepted.

Rep. Sanderson, of Kentucky, offered the following, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary transmit, under the seal of this Grand Lodge, certified copies of the report and resolution on the case of Patriarch Walker, to Wildey Encampment, No. 3, and Neilson Encampment, No. 2, of the state of Virginia.

Rep. Ridgely, of Ohio, offered the following, which was decided in the affirmative.

Resolved, unanimously, by the Grand Lodge of the United States, That as a mark of its respect to P. D. Grand Sire John Pearce, late Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, for his valuable services rendered the Order, that a copy of the diploma adopted by this Lodge, be presented to him, and that the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby directed to transmit the same to him duly attested.

Rep. Small, of New York, from the Committee of Finance, presented the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee of Finance beg leave to report in part: That they have examined the following bills presented to this Grand Lodge, and find them correct, and recommend them to be paid.

J. Pearce, per order Grand Sire,	\$30 00
I. P. Cook, per order Grand Lodge,	5 00
S. L. Miller's draft not accepted,	40 00
W. G. Cook, salary on account,	50 00
Grand Treasurer, travelling expenses,	20 00
J. Gettys, returned money,	30 00
J. E. Chamberlain,	20 00
G. Buhre, travelling expenses,	15 00
N. Hickman, stationary,	17 00
R. Neilson,	257 41
For discount on uncurrent funds,	12 00
P. G. Sire Wildey's bill, postage, &c.	15 55
J. Pearce, travelling expenses,	20 00
J. Pearce and McCulley, travelling expenses,	100 00
Grand Secretary, postage,	9 23
Grand Secretary, services,	100 00
J. Pearce, part payment for diploma,	400 00
Grand Sire, travelling expenses,	15 00
R. Neilson, for sundries,	79 28

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WILSON SMALL,
RICHARD MARLEY,
AUGUSTUS MATHIOT.

On motion, the report was accepted, and the bills enumerated, ordered to be paid.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, from the special committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Sire's report as relates to the Order in New York, &c., presented the following report, which was accepted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Sire's report, and the documents accompanying it, as relates to the state of the Order in New York—to whom was also referred the petition of sundry Past Grand of the Order in Albany, state of New York—and the preamble and resolution offered by Rep. Small, of New York—respectfully report:

That they have carefully examined the matters in the Grand Sire's report, and the documents referred to them; and unite with the Grand Sire in the views he has taken of the subject. He has so clearly expressed his

gment thereon in his report, that your committee do not deem o do more than express their union and satisfaction therewith, umend that the Grand Lodge approve of the acts and doings l Sire in relation to the Order in New York, since the Session 1838, as contained in his report.

nittee further report, that they duly notified James R. Rose, of odge, at Albany, of their appointment, and readiness to hear umber of the petition of the Past Grands of the Order in that er Rose accordingly met your committee, and stated to them all the subject connected with said petition. Your committee, weighed and considered the facts and reasoning of the brother, carefully examined the whole proceedings in relation to the state of New York, as found amongst the records and the ar- s Grand Lodge, with the most ardent desire on their part to ts, and to do justice, are not able to discern any just cause for ng to the Grand Lodge any change in the received decision of dge on the subject. Your committee are of opinion, that only harter for a Grand Lodge can constitutionally be granted in a

mittee have also considered the preamble and resolution offer- small, of New York, and recommend its adoption.

HOWELL HOPKINS, *Chairman.*

tion then recurred on the preamble and resolution as submitted all, of New York, on Wednesday afternoon, and recommend- mmittee, and was decided in the affirmative.

ll, of New York, offered the following, which was adopted.

hat the Grand Secretary be directed to furnish James R. Rose with a port of the committee on the State of the Order in New York, to be by cated to the persons connected with him at Albany and Troy.

: Wildey offered the following amendment to the Constitution,

end of the 10th line of Article III., of the Constitution, the fol- ds:

ver, any of the above elective officers shall fail to appear to be o their respective offices at the time provided, the particular be declared vacant, and the Grand Lodge shall in that event, new election to fill such vacancy, and the officer or officers all be accordingly installed."

al communications received by P. G. Sire Perkins during the re, on motion, referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

ll, of New York, offered the following, which was adopted.

hat the Grand Secretary have 2,500 copies of the Grand Sire's report, now set, printed, to distribute to the several Grand and Subordinate the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge; and that he have a sufficient same bound in the printed proceedings, and omit to print the same in e proceedings.

ll, of New York, moved that a committee of three be appointed effect the resolution, which motion prevailed.

r named Rep Lucas, of Louisiana; P. G. Sire Wildey; and y, of Ohio, the committee.

Rép. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on the Work of the Order, presented the following report, which was accepted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the Work of the Order, report that they have had under consideration so much of the Grand Sire's report as relates to visiting and travelling cards, and having examined the correspondence between this Grand Lodge and the A. M. C. of England, on the subject, respectfully report :

That no individual claiming to be admitted to visit or deposite his card in a lodge of these United States, shall be so admitted unless he shall present a regular card, signed by the N. G., attested by the Secretary, under the seal of the lodge; and that the same be attested by the signature of the Grand Secretary of a Grand Lodge; or, if from England, by the Grand Secretary of the A. M. C.; and unless he shall be able to work his way by the regular S. P. To. and G., known to the Order.

HOWELL HOPKINS,
JAMES L. RIDGELY,
THOMAS WILDEY.

Rep. Small, of New York, from the Committee of Finance, presented the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee of Finance would beg leave to recommend the following appropriations.

For the Grand Secretary's services per year, the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars.

For the services of the Grand Messenger, the sum of two dollars per day.

The committee would further report—that on examination of the Grand Treasurer's account, they find the amount of funds in his hands at the close of the last Session, six hundred and twenty-two dollars, twenty-nine cents, and has received since that period, the sum of fourteen hundred and eighty-seven dollars and twenty cents, making the gross amount of two thousand one hundred and nine dollars, and forty-nine cents; of which amount

There has been paid in discharge of sundry accounts regularly ordered by this Grand Lodge, the sum of one thousand two hundred and forty-five dollars, and nine cents; leaving a balance in the Treasurer's hands of eight hundred and sixty-four dollars, and forty cents.

The committee would recommend the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Grand Sire, on receiving the Plate for the Diploma, and one thousand copies stricken therefrom, he be authorized to draw his order upon the Grand Treasurer for the balance of five hundred and forty-one dollars.

WILSON SMALL,
RICHARD M. ARLEY,
AUGUSTUS MATHIOT.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolution adopted.

Rep. Ridgely, of Ohio, offered the following, which was adopted.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed for the purpose of reporting to the Grand Lodge, what disposition shall be made of the Diploma, and in what manner it shall be disposed of.

The Chair named as the committee, Rep's Ridgely, of Ohio ; Hopkins, of Pennsylvania ; and Marley, of Maryland.

P. G. Sire Wildey moved that a committee of three be appointed to superintend the printing, which motion prevailed.

The Chair named P. G. Sire Wildey ; Rep's Ridgely, of Ohio ; and Lucas, of Louisiana.

Rep. Ridgely, of Ohio, from the special committee to whom was referred the subject of disposition of the Diploma, presented the following report, which was adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The committee to whom was assigned the duty of reporting what disposition shall be made by the Grand Lodge of the Diploma, and in what manner the same shall be attested, when issued, respectfully report :

That they recommend that all Diplomas issued to members of the Grand Lodge of the United States, be attested in the manner in which charters emanating from this body are now authenticated ; and that any number which may be required by any state Grand Lodge, Grand Encampment, or subordinate lodges and Encampments, under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, may be issued by the Grand Secretary, and that the said state Grand Lodges, Grand Encampments or subordinate lodges or Encampments, obtaining the same, shall attest them in the same manner, in which they now authenticate official documents issued by them. They further recommend that each member of this Grand Lodge be furnished with one copy free of expense, and that Grand Lodges be furnished with such number of copies as they may require at the price of \$1 50 each ; and members receiving the same from the Grand Lodges, to pay therefor, not less than \$2 each, to the state Grand Lodge.

JAMES L. RIDGELY,
RICHARD MARLEY,
HOWELL HOPKINS.

Rep. Ridgely, of Ohio, offered the following, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary shall not deliver any Diplomas, unless the cash be furnished with the order.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, called up the amendments to the Constitution, offered at the last Communication, page 233, relative to a Grand Corresponding Secretary, which were read and unanimously adopted.

Rep. Ridgely, of Ohio, from the Committee of Correspondence, presented the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Corresponding Committee to whom leave was given to prepare and present their report at the next Annual Session, ask leave to report the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Grand corresponding Secretary be and he is hereby directed to prepare and print an abstract of each subject contained in said Correspondence, as may be important to be considered, and at each Annual Communication hereafter, to make a detailed report of the subjects of correspondence, requiring the action of the Grand Lodge.

**JAMES L. RIDGELY,
SAMUEL LUCAS.**

On motion, the report was accepted, and the resolution adopted.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, offered the following, which were adopted.

Resolved, That at the session of the Grand Lodge this afternoon, nominations will be received for Corresponding Secretary. That an election be then had for such officer, who shall be thereon installed, in due order.

Resolved, That the salary of the Corresponding Secretary shall, till otherwise ordered, be fixed at \$900 per annum.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet this afternoon, at three o'clock.

FRIDAY, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, the Officers and a due representation.

Rep. Marley, of Maryland, moved that the Grand Lodge now proceed to nominate Grand Corresponding Secretary, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Marley, of Maryland, nominated P. G. M. Robert Neilson.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, nominated P. G. M. James L. Ridgely.

Rep. Hewitt, of Pennsylvania, nominated P. G. Sire Thomas Wildey.

The Chair declared the nominations closed.

P. G. M. Ridgely asked to be excused from being a candidate.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, moved that he be excused, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Bain, of Virginia, said that he hoped P. G. M. Ridgely would consent to be a candidate, and moved that the nomination be re-opened, which was decided in the affirmative.

Rep. Bain, of Virginia, nominated P. G. M. Ridgely, of Maryland, as Grand Corresponding Secretary.

The Chair appointed Rep's Small, of New York, and Mathiot, of Illinois, as tellers.

P. G. Sire Wildey asked leave to withdraw as a candidate, which was granted.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to ballot, and the tellers reported that P. G. M. Ridgely, had received a majority of the votes cast.

Whereupon, the Grand Sire declared P. G. M. JAMES L. RIDGELY, of Maryland, duly elected Grand Corresponding Secretary.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, moved that the Grand Lodge proceed to install the Grand Corresponding Secretary, which was concurred in.

The Chair requested P. G. Sire Wildey, and Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, to present the Grand Corresponding Secretary elect, for installation, when P. G. M. Ridgely was regularly installed Grand Corresponding Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Rep. Small, of New York, from the Committee of Finance, presented following report.

to R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

the Committee of Finance report the following bill as correct, and recommend the adoption of the accompanying resolution.

W. GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES,	
To Committee on Plate, Dr.	
Bill of John L. Frederick, for Diploma,	\$650 00
L. Stevens, for printing and paper for 1,000 copies of Diploma,	320 00
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	\$970 00
By cash from Grand Secretary, - - - -	\$430 00
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Balance, - - - -	\$540 00
April 14 By cash paid for Bond for Diploma, - - -	1 00
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ordered, That on receiving the Plate for the same, the Grand Secretary be authorized to draw his order on the Treasurer for the amount thereof, and to be correct.

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bill was presented from G. Secretary () for extra services during session of 1838.

Rep. Ridgely, of Ohio, moved that the bill be paid, which motion prevailed. Motion of Rep. Small, of New York, the Grand Lodge closed the annual Session.

WILLIAM G. COOK,
Grand Recording Secretary.

DR. GRAND LODGE of U. S., in account with A. E. WARNER, G. Treas. Ch.

1838	1839
Nov. 5, To cash for discount on Mobile notes, - - \$ 7 00	April By balance in treasury, \$622 79
" 6, " J. Pearce, per order of Grand Sire, 30 00	" 10, cash from Travellers' Rest Lodge, No. 1, - 36 70
1839.	June 18, " for charter, - 30 00
Jan. 18, " do. do. do. 200 00	Aug. 9, " for G. Encampment charter for New York, - 30 00
Feb. 12, " I. P. Cook, per order of G. Lodge of U. States, - 5 62	Sept. 27, " Iowa Lodge, No. 1, 63 70
April 12, " J. Pearce, per order of Grand Sire, 200 00	Oct. 3, " Lodges & Encampments, - 126 90
" draft of S. L. Miller, not accepted, received as cash, - 40 00	" 4, " do. do. 120 00
Oct. 19, discount on Alabama note of fifty dollars, 5 00	" 15, " do. do. 227 20
" cash G. Secy Cook, 125 00	Dec. 2, " for charter, - 30 00
" 21, " J. E. Chamberlain, preparing chart'rs 29 00	" 3, " for G. Encampment charter of Ohio, 30 00
" 28, " R. Neilson, bills No. 1 and 2, - 257 41	" 3, " Wildey Encampment, No. 1, 165 00
1840.	" 3, " Alabama Lodge, No. 1, - 50 00
Feb. 24, " Ja's Gettys, per vote of G. Lodge of U. States, - 30 00	1840.
" " A. E. Warner, travelling expenses to Philadelphia, 20 00	Mar. 10, " for charter, - 30 00
April 24, " R. Neilson, per bill, 79 28	April 21, " Lodges & Encampments, - 547 20
" " W. G. Cook, extra services, - 25 00	
" " P. G. Sire Wildey, postage, - 15 55	
" " W. G. Cook, postage, 9 23	
" " J. E. Chamberlain, as Messenger, 10 00	
" " J. E. Chamberlain, preparing 6 charters, - 6 00	
" " P. G. Sire Perkins, expenses, - 15 00	
" " J. Pearce and McCulley, expenses to Albany, 100 00	
" " J. Pearce, expenses to Baltimore, 20 00	
" " G. Buhre, expenses as G. Guardian, to Philadelphia, 15 00	
" " N. Hickman, bill, 17 00	
" Balance on hand, - 848 40	
\$2109 49	\$2109 49

GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES.

1840.

LODGES.	Where held.	States.	No. of Lodges.	Initiations.	Suspensions.	Expulsions.	Past Grands.	P. G. Masters.	Revenue of Subordinate Lodges.	Contrib'g Members.	No. of Brothers relieved.	No. of Widowed Families relieved.	No. of Brothers buried.	Amount paid for relief of Brothers.	Amount paid for relief of Widowed Families.	Amount paid for education of Orphans.	Amount paid for burying the dead.	Total amount of relief.
G. L. of Maryland.	Baltimore.	Md.	24	231	169	6	250	8	\$ 7,742 77	1,702	132	27	29	1,411 25	\$28 94	266 80	683 50	3,218 02
" New York.	New York.	N. Y.	14	491	102	31	126	3	6,486 22	1,132	113	12	4	1,032 00	162 80	...	183 57	1,318 37
" Pennsylvania.	Philadelphia.	Penn.	40	471	141	...	571	11	13,094 03	3,180	...	...	2	184 00	44 00	69 44	60 00	277 44
" District of Columbia.	Washington.	D. C.	3	53	...	...	40	6	1,590 69	309	7	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Delaware.	Wilmington.	Del.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Ohio.	Cincinnati.	Ohio.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Louisiana.	New Orleans.	La.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Kentucky.	Lexington.	Ky.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Tennessee.	Richmond.	Tenn.	17	39	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Virginia.	Richmond.	Va.	46	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Indiana.	New Albany.	Ind.	4	96	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Mississippi.	Natchez.	Miss.	4	85	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Missouri.	St. Louis.	Mo.	2	75	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Illinois.	Alton.	Ill.	5	60	21	1	9	...	805 03	97	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Iowa.	Mineral Point.	I. T.	1	...	...	...	...	...	1,601 31	49	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Alabama.	Mobile.	Ala.	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Far West.	Little Rock.	Ark.	1	64	...	...	...	...	606 50	25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Lone Star.	Houston.	Texas.	1	30	...	...	...	...	1,291 00	46	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Quindipac.	New Haven.	Conn.	1	187	...	...	...	...	1,443 34	131	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			120	2,000	643	64	1,280	39	\$ 55,412 52	9,381	592	40	30	\$ 2,657 23	\$ 572 44	\$ 346 54	1,127 80	\$ 4,914 43

Annual Report of Grand and Subordinate Encampments to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., for the year ending September, 1889.

ENCAMPMENTS.	Where held.	States.	No. of Subordinates.	Initiations.	Suspensions.	Expulsions.	Revenue.	Contributing Members.	Remarks.
G. E. of Maryland,	Baltimore,	Md.	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	186	
" New York,	New York,	N. Y.	2	44	.....	.....	565 37	71	
Columbia, No. 1,	Washington,	D. C.	1	13	.....	.....	174 50	26	
Wilkey, " 1,	New Orleans,	La.	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	No report.
Dayton, " 2,	Cincinnati,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nimrod, " 3,	Dayton,	Ohio,	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Horch, " 1,	Steubenville,	.....	.....	7	.....	.....	84 00	12	
Olive Branch, " 2,	Louisville,	Ky.	2	17	3	1	423 43	53	
Trenton, " 2,	Covington,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Abram's, " 1,	Trenton,	N. J.	1	2	.....	.....	53 12	19	
Neilaon, " 2,	Wheeling,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wilkey, " 3,	Richmond,	Va.	4	22	2	.....	340 86	53	
Jerusalem, " 4,	Portsmouth,	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	176 97	48	
Mt. Ararat, " 1,	Norfolk,	.....	.....	24	.....	1	304 00	44	
Wilkey, " 1,	Mobile,	Ala.	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wilkey, " 1,	Natchez,	Ms.	1	9	.....	.....	539 75	27	
Wilkey, " 1,	St. Louis,	Mo.	1	20	.....	.....	316 56	26	
			22	164	5	2	\$3,008 56	565	

Expulsions from Lodges.

In Maryland—No. 5, W. Blackaway; No. 6, one—name not given; No. 8, Thos. Stewart, Zebedes Tyler, A. J. Barrett; No. 17, George R. Cariden. Improper conduct.

In New York—No. 1, Isaac Washburn; No. 10, Geo. Gausmann; No. 14, Heinrich Muhlmelster, Frederick Muhlmelster, John Most, Heinrich Seving, J. Paul, F. Seidler, J. Pogatschnig, L. Schimper, Fred. Sibaveis, Joseph Spiaz, Joseph Frier, C. Yachan, Jacob Althous, F. Basterdes, F. Barenbruck, F. Bohme, Louis Bender, H. Brenner, D. Blass, George Fischer, Carl Holgapple, Carl Harstrick, H. Hauser, N. Johnson, Augustus Koch, L. Leapold, H. V. D. Leith; No. 16, B. Kohlenberg; No. 17, Francis R. Crump. Improper conduct.

In New Jersey—No. 6, Ephraim Drum, Wareham Fairfield. Improper conduct.

In Kentucky—No. 1, two; No. 2, one; No. 3, three. Names not given. Improper conduct.

In Virginia—No. 2, two; No. 3, two; No. 4, three; No. 6, two; No. 7, one; No. 8, two; No. 10, one. Names or cause not given.

In Indiana—No. 1, James Newbanks, jr.; No. 2, Stephen Wheaden; No. 3, Benj. W. Royer. Improper conduct.

In Illinois—No. 4, one. Name or cause not given.

In Missouri—No. 1, Edward L. R. Williams; No. 2, Benj. Williamson, Robert S. Hazzard. Improper conduct.

In Arkansas—No. 1, Horace Chadwick. Improper conduct.

Expulsions from Encampments.

In Kentucky—No. 1, M. Devinney. Non-payment of dues.

In Virginia—No. 4, William B. Soery. Improper conduct.

**ANNUAL COMMUNICATION
OF THE
AND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES,**

Held at the City of Baltimore, October, 1840.

MONDAY, October 5th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

R. W. Grand Lodge convened this day, at Odd Fellows' Hall, city of Baltimore, being the regular Annual Communication, when the following were present:

JAS B. GLAZIER,	M. W. G. Sire.
LIAM G. COOK,	R. W. G. R. Secretary.
ES L. RIDGELY,	R. W. G. C. Secretary.
DREW E. WARNER,	R. W. G. Treasurer.
RGE M. BAIN,	R. W. G. Chaplain,
LEIB F. BUHRE,	W. G. Guardian.
N E. CHAMBERLAIN,	W. G. Messenger.

Grand Secretary presented the certificates of the Representatives of several Grand Lodges, viz:

M. RICHARD MARLEY,	} Rep's of Maryland.
Chap. ISAAC D. WILLIAMSON,	} Reps. of New York.
Sec'y THEODORE FROST,	
Sec'y CHARLES McGOWAN,	
M. HENY WOLFORD,	Rep. of Kentucky.
Sire THOMAS WILDEY,	Proxy Rep. of Mississippi.

Grand Sire stated that there were but four Grand Lodges represented; consequently no quorum.

Thereupon, on motion of Rep. McGowan, of New York, the Grand Lodge adjourned until this afternoon, at half past three o'clock.

MONDAY, 3½ o'clock, P. M.

Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, the Officers and Representatives as in the morning, except the Grand Sire. Thereupon, P. G. M. George M. Bain, of Virginia, was called to the

Grand Secretary presented the following additional credentials of natives, viz:

P. G. ANDREW C. HEWITT,	} Reps. of Pennsylvania,	
P. G. JOHN T. BROWN,		
P. G. M. WILLIAM C. BRANIN,		Rep. of New Jersey.
P. D. G. M. THOMAS H. STANFORD,		Proxy Rep. of Missouri.

It appearing that a Constitutional quorum was present, the Grand Guardian was directed to examine the Representatives.

The Grand Guardian reported that the Representatives were duly qualified.

The Grand Sire then proclaimed the Grand Lodge duly opened for the transaction of business.

After an address to the Throne of Grace, the Grand Sire appointed P. G. Sire Wildey, and Rep's Marley, of Maryland; and McGowan, of New York, a committee to examine the credentials of the Representatives.

P. G. Sire Wildey, from the special committee to whom was referred the credentials of the Representatives, presented the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The special committee to whom was referred the credentials of Representatives to this Grand Lodge, having examined the same, beg leave to report the following as entitled to seats, viz:

Those from the Grand Lodges of Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Kentucky, Mississippi, and Missouri.

THOMAS WILDEY,
RICHARD MARLEY,
CHARLES MCGOWAN.

On motion, the report was accepted.

Rep. Brown, of Pennsylvania, objected to the organization of the Grand Lodge, on the ground that there was not present a representation from a majority of the state Grand Lodges.

The Chair decided that there was present a majority of the Representatives and Proxies, and therefore there was a constitutional quorum to authorize the organization of the Grand Lodge, according to Article XV, of the Constitution.

Rep. Brown, of Pennsylvania, appealed from the decision of the Chair—during the pendency of the appeal, Rep. Williamson, of Maryland, moved that the Grand Lodge adjourn until nine o'clock to-morrow morning, which motion prevailed.

TUESDAY, October 6th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present the same Officers and Representatives as on yesterday afternoon.

Rep. Brown, of Pennsylvania, withdrew his appeal, and gave notice that he would introduce a resolution, during the Session, declaratory of what was a Constitutional quorum.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to elect a Grand Sire, *pro tem.*, during the absence of the Grand Sire, and on counting the ballots, it appeared that P. G. M. George M. Bain, of Virginia, had received all the votes cast, and was declared unanimously elected Grand Sire, *pro tem.*

The Chair appointed Rep. Theodore Frost, of New York, D. Grand Sire, *pro tem.*

P. G. M. William W. Moore, of District of Columbia; P. G. M. James L. Ridgely, of Ohio; P. G. M. George M. Bain, of Virginia; and P. G. M. Augustus Mathiot, of Illinois, not having been reported by the committee on credentials as entitled to their seats, claimed to be Representatives* from their respective state Grand Lodges.

Rep. Wildey, of Mississippi, called for the reading of their credentials, when the Grand Secretary stated that they had been filed away at the last Session and it was impossible for him to lay his hands upon them at present.

The Grand Sire decided that the Representatives were entitled to their seats.

Rep. Wildey, of Mississippi, protested against the Representatives of District of Columbia, Virginia, Illinois, and Ohio, taking their seats, and appealed from the decision of the Chair.

The question on sustaining the decision of the Chair was divided, the vote on each claimant being taken separately.

The question was then put on the right of Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, taking his seat, when the decision of the Chair was sustained.

The question then recurred on the right of Rep. Bain, of Virginia, taking his seat, when the decision of the Chair was sustained.

The question then recurred on the right of Proxy Rep. Mathiot, of Illinois, taking his seat.

Whereupon, Rep. McGowan, of New York, called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:

YEAS—Rep's Marley, Williamson, Branin, Wolford, Wildey and Stanford—6.

NAYS—Rep's Frost, McGowan, Moore, Bain, 2 votes—5.

Rep's Hewitt and Brown, of Pennsylvania, asked to be excused from voting, when, on motion, they were so excused.

So the decision of the Chair was sustained.

The question recurring on the right of Proxy Rep. Ridgely, of Ohio, the yeas and nays being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Rep's Marley, Williamson, Branin, Wolford, Wildey, and Mathiot—6.

NAYS—Rep's Frost, McGowan, Hewitt, Brown, Moore, Stanford, and Bain, 2 votes—8.

Pending the question, Rep. Bain, of Virginia, having voted in the affirmative, asked permission to change his vote which request was granted.

So the decision of the Chair in this case was reversed.

The proceedings of the last Annual Communication being in progress of reading, Rep. McGowan, of New York, moved that the further reading be dispensed with, which motion prevailed.

The Chair appointed the following Standing Committees.

* *Claimed to be Representatives.*—The brethren making this claim had held seats at the April Session of 1840, under certificates which were then duly received; and conceiving their terms unexpired, claimed membership at the present session. Owing to the carelessness of the Grand Recording Secretary, their credentials were not to be found. Those from the Grand Lodges of the District of Columbia, Illinois and Virginia, being understood to have been issued within twelve months, were recognized as valid; while that from the Grand Lodge of Ohio, being supposed to have been issued prior to October, 1839, was deemed to be out of date. Hence the result.

On Petitions—Rep's Branin, of New Jersey; Frost, of New York; and Wolford, of Kentucky.

On Reports—Rep's Moore, of District of Columbia; Williamson, of Maryland; and Brown, of Pennsylvania.

On Correspondence—Rep's Stanford, of Missouri; Frost, of New York; and Wolford of Kentucky.

On Finance—Rep's Marley, of Maryland; McGowan, of New York; and Hewitt of Pennsylvania.

On the Work of the Order—Rep's Wildey, of Mississippi; Marley, of Maryland; Mathiot, of Illinois.

The Grand Corresponding Secretary presented the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The undersigned Corresponding Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States, pursuant to the resolution adopted at the Adjourned Session of that body, held in April last, requiring that he should prepare and print an abstract of such subjects, contained in his correspondence, as may be of importance to be considered, begs leave respectfully to report :

That early after the close of the last Communication, he addressed a circular to each of the state Grand Lodges, informing them of his appointment, and requesting them in future to transmit through him all communications designed for the Grand Lodge of the United States, and he has the pleasure to say that very generally, the correspondence has already taken that direction.

The voluminous correspondence which had been accumulating in the hands of the Grand Secretary for several years, has been carefully examined, and there appears nothing of interest in the opinion of the undersigned requiring the consideration of the Grand Lodge, except the *Key* transmitted from the Manchester Unity, Great Britain, which does not appear to have been at all appreciated, and which is again submitted to your consideration.—Document A.

The printed abstracts of proceedings of the last Session, together with the blank forms for reports, have been transmitted to the several Grand Lodges, Encampments and subordinate lodges, under your immediate jurisdiction, but inasmuch as a proper distribution of the same, may not always be made by the Corresponding Secretary as to number, it is respectfully suggested that his duty in this particular be defined by law.

Several Grand and subordinate Lodges, have transmitted their reports through the undersigned; as they will be presented to the special examination of the committee on that subject, it is not deemed necessary to say any thing in relation to them, further than to express a regret that most of them have transmitted no dues whatever, and in many instances have taxed the Grand Lodge very heavily for postage, an evil which ought to be avoided, and which is submitted to you at this time, that you may determine the subject for the future.

An application is herewith presented, [marked B.] from Arkansas, for an Encampment, and a correspondence with P. G. M. Potts, D. D. Grand Sire, showing the deplorable condition of the Order in Wisconsin.—Document C.

The undersigned has received one or two letters, [documents E. E.,] inquiring for counsel and instruction upon the Work of the Order, and inasmuch as his own opinions might probably differ from those of the Grand Lodge upon parts of the Work, he submits whether a law requiring the transmission of such correspondence to the Grand Sire for answer, ought not to be passed.

The proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, the report of the Grand Master of New York, the By-Laws of Tennessee Lodge, No. 2, transmitted for approval, and a proposal of the Rev. Thomas Greer Clayton, for publishing in the city of Charleston, the Odd Fellows' Gazette, have been received, and are herewith presented.

Several applications having been made for individual copies of the Diploma; it is suggested that the Grand Lodge determine whether they will authorise them to be so disposed of, and if not, in what manner they will furnish them.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *Cor. Sec'y.*

On motion, the report was referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

The Grand Secretary presented the reports of the several Grand and subordinate Lodges and Encampments which were referred to the Committee on Reports.

Rep. Bain, of Virginia, offered the following:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Lodge of Virginia, at its next Annual Session, shall have power, and authority is hereby granted to it, to remove the Sessions to any place within the limits of the state, that a majority of the whole number of its subordinate lodges may by their vote in Grand Lodge, fix upon at the next Annual Meeting in April.

On motion of Rep. Brown, of Pennsylvania, the resolution was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

On motion of Rep. Branin, of New Jersey, the Grand Lodge adjourned until three o'clock, this afternoon.

TUESDAY, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, the Officers and a due representation.

An application was received from Texas, for a Grand Lodge charter, which, on motion was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

A communication was presented and read from Thomas Barr and William Sutcliff, in behalf of Merrimack Lodge, No. 7, Massachusetts, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

A petition was presented from Quinnipiac Lodge, No. 1, Charter Oak Lodge, No. 2, and East Haddam Lodge, No. 3, praying for a charter for a Grand Lodge of Connecticut, and to meet alternately at New Haven and Hartford.

On motion, the petition was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

P. G. Sire Wildey called up his amendment to the Constitution, offered at the last Communication, (page 275,) on the subject of electing Representatives for two years.

Rep. McGowan, of New York, moved that the amendment be laid on the table.

Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:

YEAS—Rep's McGowan, Hewitt, Moore and Branin—4.

NAYS—Rep's Marley, Williamson, Frost, Brown, Wolford, Bain, 2 votes; Wildey and Mathiot—9.

So the motion to lay on the table was lost.

Rep. Marley, of Maryland, moved to amend by striking out "two," and insert "one," and all after the word "Representatives" in the fourth line, which was decided in the negative.

The question recurring on the original amendment,

Whereupon, Rep. Brown, of Pennsylvania, called for the previous question, which was sustained.

The main question being on the original amendment to the Constitution, offered by P. G. Sire Wildey,

Whereupon, Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:

YEAS—Rep. Wildey, and P. G. Sire Wildey—2.

NAYS—Rep's Marley, Williamson, Frost, McGowan, Hewitt, Brown, Moore, Branin, Wolford, Bain, 2 votes; and Mathiot—12.

The amendment was therefore decided in the negative.

Rep. Hewitt, of Pennsylvania, called up the amendment offered by him at the April Communication, (page 282,) for depriving P. Grand Sires, while acting as such, from officiating as Representatives.

Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:

YEAS—Rep's Marley, Williamson, Frost, McGowan, Hewitt, Brown, Moore, Wolford, and Bain, 2 votes—10.

NAYS—Rep. Wildey, and P. G. Sire Wildey—2.

So the amendment was adopted.

An appeal was presented from Columbia Lodge, No. 3, of Maryland, by permission of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, against the decision of said Grand Lodge, in the case of claim for money overpaid to the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

On motion of Rep. Williamson, of Maryland, the appeal was referred to a special committee of three.

The Chair named as the committee, Rep's McGowan, of New York; Brown and Hewitt, of Pennsylvania.

P. G. Sire Wildey called up the amendment to the Constitution, offered at the last Communication, by the Representative of Maryland, (page 283,) on Grand Encampments.

Rep. Williamson, of Maryland, offered the following amendment, to be added, viz: "Upon the same terms as the state Grand Lodges are represented" which was adopted.

The question then recurred on the amendment as amended, when Rep. Marley, of Maryland, moved that the amendment be laid on the table, which motion prevailed.

The resolution offered at the Adjourned Annual Communication, (page 277,) on the subject of compiling the laws, was called up, when Rep.

Moore, of District of Columbia, moved that the committee be continued, and requested to report at the next Annual Session, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Marley, of Maryland, moved that the Grand Sire be requested to procure a return of the books, charter and papers of Industry Encampment, No. 1, of New Jersey, which was decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Rep. Branin, of New Jersey, the Grand Lodge adjourned until half past seven o'clock, this evening.

TUESDAY, 7½ o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, the Officers, and a due representation.

The minutes of Monday and this day, were read and approved.

The amendment to the Constitution, offered at the Adjourned Annual Communication, (page 285,) on Installation, was called up, and the vote being taken, it was adopted.

P. G. Sire Wildey, from the special committee appointed to procure a Diploma, presented the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The committee appointed to procure a suitable Diploma for this Grand Lodge, respectfully report :

That they have completed their labors, and that one thousand copies have been printed, and, together with the plate, delivered to the Grand Sire.

THOMAS WILDEY,
JOHN PEARCE.

Rep. McGowan, of New York, moved that the report and accompanying bill be laid on the table, which was determined in the negative.

Rep. Mathiot, of Illinois, moved that the report be accepted, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Mathiot, of Illinois, moved that the bill be referred to the Committee of Finance, which was decided in the affirmative.

Rep. Mathiot, of Illinois, offered the following, which was adopted.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to procure a copy of the charter of the Grand Lodge of the state of Pennsylvania, for the purpose of ascertaining whether any difference exists between the said state charter and that of any other state Grand Lodge charter. Also, whether that state Grand Lodge, by its charter, is invested with any power not possessed by any other state Grand Lodge.

The Chair named Rep. Mathiot, of Illinois ; P. G. Sire Wildey ; and Rep. Branin, of New Jersey, as the committee.

Rep. McGowan, of New York, offered the following :

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of New York be furnished with thirty copies of the printed proceedings of this Grand Lodge, independent of the number required for the subordinates.

Rep. Mathiot, of Illinois, offered the following, as an amendment, which, having been accepted, was adopted.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Grand Lodge be ordered, after having had the proceedings of its Session printed, to forward to each state Grand Lodge as many copies as it has subordinate lodges working under its jurisdiction; one copy being ordered to each subordinate lodge, and for the use of the state Grand Lodge, one copy for each subordinate lodge under its jurisdiction—to each subordinate Encampment, one copy; and for the use of the Grand Encampment, as many copies as it may have subordinate Encampments working under its jurisdiction—also, to each subordinate lodge or Encampment working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, one copy.

Rep. McGowan, of New York, offered the following, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be ordered to publish a statement of the monies received, specifying the amount, from whence received, and for what paid.

The Chair stated that the day had arrived for the election of Grand Officers.

Whereupon, on motion of P. G. Sire Wildey, the rule requiring the election of Grand Officers to take place on the second day of the session, was suspended.

Rep. Brown, of Pennsylvania, moved that the election take place on Thursday next, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, from the Committee on Reports, presented the following report, which was accepted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

Your committee cannot refrain from expressing their surprise, mingled with deep regret and mortification, that so many of the reports referred to them are defective, in not containing information essentially necessary to convey to the brotherhood and the public a thorough knowledge of the extent and usefulness of the Order. A view of the above, [see tabular statement, at the close of the Session,] will exhibit such of the reports as are deficient in this respect. What would be the most appropriate method of correcting this evil, as well as the still more reprehensible one of sending in no report at all—a dereliction of duty of which very many lodges are guilty, as will be seen by the list of lodges appended hereto—your committee will not presume to determine; but would deferentially suggest to the Grand Lodge the propriety of taking into consideration the propriety of devising some means of insuring more uniformity in the preparation of the reports, as well as greater regularity in their transmission to this Grand Lodge.

Your committee recommend that the Grand Secretary be authorized to insert in the above statement, the statistical details of such additional reports as may be presented during the present Session.

WILLIAM W. MOORE,
ISAAC D. WILLIAMSON,
JOHN T. BROWN.

Rep. Williamson, of Maryland, offered the following:

Resolved, That the resolution of this Grand Lodge, passed October 9th, 1838, declaring it irregular to admit a brother into a subordinate lodge, unless he present a certificate under the signature of the officers and the seal of the lodge, and the counter signature of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the state, be, and the same is hereby rescinded, so far as it relates to the counter signature of the Grand Secretary.

Rep. Frost, of New York, called for the yeas and nays.

A question was then raised whether Rep. Williamson, of Maryland, was entitled to two votes, inasmuch as his colleague was absent. The Chair decided that he was.

Whereupon, Rep. Brown, of Pennsylvania, appealed from the decision.

The question then recurred on sustaining the decision of the Chair, and was determined in the affirmative.

A question was then raised, whether P. G. Sire Wildey could vote as P. Grand Sire, and Proxy Representative of Mississippi. The Chair decided he could not, the amendment having gone into immediate effect on being adopted.

Whereupon, Rep. Mathiot, of Illinois, appealed from the decision.

The question then recurred on sustaining the decision of the Chair, and was determined in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays having been ordered on the adoption of the resolution, were as follows:

YEAS—Rep's Williamson, 2 votes; Moore, Wolford, Branin, and Bain, 2 votes—7.

NAYS—Rep's Frost, McGowan, Hewitt, Brown, Wildey and Mathiot—6.

So the resolution was adopted.

On motion of Rep. Williamson, of Maryland, the Grand Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning, at nine o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, October 6th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, G. Sire GLAZIER, the Officers and a due representation.

The minutes of last evening session were read and approved.

Rep. Bain, of Virginia, moved that the report of the committee to prepare a Diploma, be now considered, which motion prevailed.

Whereupon, Rep. Williamson, of Maryland, moved that it be referred to a special committee of three, with power to summons persons and papers, which was concurred in.

The Chair appointed Rep's Williamson, of Maryland; Bain, of Virginia; and McGowan, of New York, the committee.

Rep. McGowan, of New York, from the special committee to whom was referred the Appeal of Columbia Lodge, No. 3, Maryland, presented the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The special committee to whom was referred the appeal of Columbia Lodge, No. 3, of Maryland, (by permission of the Grand Lodge of Maryland,) against the decision of the R. W. Grand Lodge of said state, relative to the amount of money overcharged by the said Grand Lodge for Keeper's salary, for the years, from 1834 to 1838; have had the same under consideration, and by the resolution as recorded at page 7, printed proceedings, October Session, 1832, of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, the committee are of opinion that it was the duty of said Grand Lodge to

class the lodges according to the returns at each Annual Session, until the adoption of the resolution at the October Session, 1837, when a different classification was adopted.

The committee would therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

CHARLES MCGOWAN,
JOHN T. BROWN,
ANDREW C. HEWITT.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Maryland, ought, in accordance with the resolution of October, 1832, to refund to Columbia Lodge, No. 3, the amount specified in the appeal.

On motion of Rep. Bain, of Virginia, the report was laid on the table.

Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, offered the following, which was adopted :

Resolved, That no individual claiming to visit or deposite his card in a lodge of these United States, shall be so admitted, unless he present a regular card, signed by the N. G., and attested by the Secretary, under the seal of the Lodge, and the name of the individual holding said card be endorsed thereon, in his own proper hand writing.

P. G. Sire Wildey offered the following, which was decided in the affirmative.

Resolved, That hereafter the reports from subordinate lodges and Encampments, working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, be embodied and printed in two tables, one for each class, after the manner of printing the Annual Reports from state Grand Lodges.

P. G. Sire Wildey offered the following, which was agreed to.

Resolved, That it is the duty of the Corresponding Secretary and Past Grand Officers of this Grand Lodge, and of Proxy Representatives, to pay over all money they receive for the use of this Grand Lodge to the Grand Secretary, whose duty it is to make a record of the same, and forthwith pay the same over to the Grand Treasurer.

P. G. Sire Wildey offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to have prepared a full and complete statement* of the accounts of each state Grand Lodge, Grand Encampment, subordinate Encampments and subordinate lodges with the Grand Lodge of the United States, from the year 1836, up to this time, and submit the same to the Printing committee previous to its being printed.

Rep. Wolford, of Kentucky, offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That hereafter no P. G. Master shall be eligible for the office of Grand Sire of the United States, who is not at the time of his nomination, a contributing member of a subordinate lodge, a subordinate Encampment, and that the Grand Lodge of which he is a member, shall not be more than two years in arrears to this Grand Lodge, or have neglected to report for the above named time.

The Chair stated that the resolution was an infringement of the Constitution, and the resolution must lay over until the next Annual Session.

Rep. McGowan, of New York, appealed from the decision of the Chair.

The question then recurred on sustaining the decision of the Chair, and was decided in the affirmative.

Rep. Wolford, of Kentucky, asked and obtained leave to withdraw the resolution.

* Complete statement.—This duty was neglected to be performed, notwithstanding the imperative character of the requirement, and the obvious utility of the document.

P. G. Sire Wildey called up the amendment to the Constitution offered at the Communication of 1838, (page 236,) and the modification offered at the April Session of 1840, (page 265.)

The amendment, as modified, was adopted, and the Constitution altered so as that the Annual Sessions, will be held on the *third Monday of September*.

Rep. Wolford, of Kentucky, offered the following proposition to amend the Constitution, which was read and referred to the next Annual Session.

That Article XIV, of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., be so amended as to read after the words "subordinate lodge," in the 7th line, "a subordinate Encampment, and that the Grand Lodge of which he is a member shall not be more than two years in arrears to this Grand Lodge, or have neglected to report to this Grand Lodge for the same period."

Rep. Brown, of Pennsylvania, offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That when this Grand Lodge adjourns, it adjourns to meet this afternoon at three o'clock, for the purpose of electing a D. Grand Sire for the remainder of the term, in place of P. G. M. A. Mondelli, who has failed to appear.

Rep. McGowan, of New York, offered to amend by substituting the following, which was lost.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge elect a D. Grand Sire, to-morrow morning.

The question was then taken on the original resolution and adopted.

Rep. Wolford, of Kentucky, presented a report of Mt. Horeb Encampment, No. 1, Kentucky, relative to the account between it and this Grand Lodge, which was, on motion, referred to the Committee of Finance.

Rep. Bain, of Virginia, offered the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the committee appointed at the last Session, to procure suitable Regalia, for the Grand Officers, be instructed to procure the necessary Regalia for the Representatives of the state Grand Lodges, and that the expense be paid out of the funds of this Grand Lodge.

On motion of Rep. Brown, of Pennsylvania, the Grand Lodge adjourned until three o'clock, this afternoon.

WEDNESDAY, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, the Officers and a due representation.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Rep. Brown, of Pennsylvania, moved that the Grand Lodge do now proceed to the election of D. Grand Sire, which was concurred in.

Whereupon the following nominations were made, viz :

By Rep. Bain, of Virginia, P. G. M. Augustus Mathiot, of Maryland.

By Rep. Brown, of Pennsylvania, P. G. M. William W. Moore, of District of Columbia.

The Chair appointed Rep's McGowan, of New York, and Williamson, of Maryland, as tellers.

The tellers reported that P. G. M. William W. Moore had received a majority of all the votes cast.

Whereupon, the Grand Sire declared P. G. M. William W. Moore, of District of Columbia, duly elected D. Grand Sire for the residue of the term.

Rep. McGowan, of New York, moved that the Grand Lodge do now proceed to install the D. Grand Sire, which motion prevailed.

The Chair requested Rep. Hewitt, of Pennsylvania, and Rep. Williamson, of Maryland, to introduce the D. Grand Sire elect, for installation, when they presented P. G. M. William W. Moore, of District of Columbia, who was regularly installed by the W. Grand Chaplain, into the office of R. W. D. Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

The following bills were presented:

G. Sire Glazier, travelling expenses,	95.00
W. G. Cook, postage, &c.	23.25
John Coats, Jr.	45.00
J. T. Brown,	50.00
N. Hickman, stationary,	15.37

On motion of Rep. Bain, of Virginia, the bills were referred to the Committee of Finance.

Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, offered the following, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, as well as the subordinate lodges and Encampments, working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge of the United States, be, and they are hereby required to embody in their annual and quarterly reports, in addition to the information called for by existing regulations, detailed information in relation to the subjects embraced under the following heads:

NAME OF LODGE.	No. of Initiations.	No. of Rejections.	Admitted by Card.	Withdrawn by Card.	Suspensions and Cause.	Expulsions and Cause.	Deaths.	Amount expended for relief of Brothers.	Amount expended for relief of Widows and Orphans.	Amount expended for education of Orphans.	Number of Contributing Members.	Whole amount of Receipts.
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P. G. Sire Wildey, from the special committee on Regalia and Jewels, presented a report.

When Rep. McGowan, of New York, moved that the report be referred to the Committee of Finance, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Branin, of New Jersey, from the Committee on Petitions, presented the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom, among other communications, was referred the resolution offered Tuesday morning, respectfully ask leave to report in part:

That inasmuch as the foregoing, in its present shape, is nothing more than a resolution presented to your R. W. body, by the Representative of Virginia, they cannot consider it in the light of a petition addressed to this Grand Lodge.

Your committee would therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM C. BRANIN,
THEODORE FROST,
HENRY WOLFORD.

On motion, the report was accepted.

Rep. Bain, of Virginia, offered the following:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Lodge of Virginia, at its next Annual Session, shall have power, and authority is hereby granted to it, to remove its Sessions to any place within the limits of the state, that a majority of the whole number of the subordinate lodges may by vote in Grand Lodge fix upon.

Rep. Wolford, of Kentucky, called for the yeas and nays.

Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, asked to be excused from voting on the proposition in its present shape.

The Chair put the question, and the Grand Lodge refused to excuse the Representative.

Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, was then proceeding to state his reasons for the vote he was about to give,

When the Representative was called to order, which call was sustained by the Chair, and Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, took his seat.

The yeas and nays were then taken on the resolution, and were as follows:

YEAS—Rep's Marley, Williamson; Bain, 2 votes: Moore and Wolford —6.

NAYS—Rep's Frost, McGowan, Hewitt, Brown, Branin and Wildey —6.

There being an equality of votes, the Grand Sire gave the casting vote in the negative.

So the resolution was lost.

On motion of Rep. Williamson, of Maryland, the Grand Lodge adjourned until seven o'clock, this evening.

WEDNESDAY, 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, the Officers and a due representation.

The minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved.

Rep. Wolford, of Kentucky, presented a protest from the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, which was read, and the grievances therein named being satisfactorily explained by the Grand Sire, Rep. Wolford asked leave to withdraw the protest, which was granted.

Rep. Bain, of Virginia, offered the following preamble and resolution.

Whereas, There is great irregularity existing in the Order upon the subject of Regalia, which arises from want of information upon the subject: Therefore

Resolved, That the following be established as the Regalia to be worn in the different lodges, and according to the different degrees, viz:

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In a subordinate lodge the Regalia shall be, for Initiated members, a white apron. 1st degree members, white apron and white collar.

2d	do.	do.	collar trimmed with pink.
3d	do.	do.	do. blue.
4th	do.	do.	do. green.
5th	do.	do.	do. scarlet.

Noble Grands and Past Grands shall wear white apron and scarlet collar, trimmed with white lace.

The Regalia *required* to be worn shall be a white apron and collar, unless the brother shall choose to wear the color to which he is entitled.

In state, district, and territorial Grand Lodges, the Regalia shall be that of Past Grands, as above stated.

The Regalia of an Encampment shall be, for Initiated or Patriarchal Degree, a black apron and black gloves; Golden Rule Degree, a black apron trimmed with yellow lace, and black gloves. Royal Purple Degree, black apron with purple collar, trimmed with yellow lace, and black gloves. In procession, sashes shall be worn only by officers and past officers.

Rep. Mathiot, of Illinois, moved that the preamble and resolution lay on the table, which motion prevailed.

On motion of Rep. Mathiot, of Illinois, the Grand Lodge adjourned until nine o'clock, to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, October 8th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, the Officers and a due representation.

The minutes of last evening's session were read and approved.

Rep. Williamson, of Maryland, offered the following, which was adopted.

Whereas, There is some irregularity in the Work of the Order, originating in the fact that there is a difference in the mode of numbering the degrees as conferred in the several states: Therefore,

Resolved, That the state Grand Lodges be informed, that the degrees are numbered as follows: First, or White; Second, or Covenant; Third or Blue; Fourth, or Remembrance; Fifth or Scarlet. And the said Lodges are required to conform to this mode of numbering.

The Grand Sire presented a report* of his acts and doings.

On motion of Rep. Wolford, of Kentucky, the report was referred to the Committee on Reports.

Rep. Branin, of New Jersey, from the Committee on Petitions, presented the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions to whom was referred the petition of Quinipiac Lodge, No. 1; Charter Oak Lodge, No. 2, and Middlesex Lodge, No. 3, in the state of Connecticut, praying for a charter for a Grand Lodge in said state, to be located at the city of New Haven, with a request, that in the event of a charter being granted, P. G. M. John A. Kennedy, of New York, might be authorized to open said Lodge; also, a petition from

* A report — This document was not printed with the minutes of the Session; and, although the most thorough search has been made, the copy could not be found at the time it was necessary for us to supply copy to the printer. Should it be recovered, it will be appended to the work.

a number of Past Grands in the republic of Texas, praying for a Grand Lodge in said republic; and a petition from Merrimack Lodge, No. 7, Lowell, Mass., praying for a new charter in lieu of theirs destroyed by fire, would respectfully report:

That they have had the several communications under due consideration, and in the case of the first named, would recommend, except so much as relates to holding its sittings alternately at Hartford and New Haven, that the prayer of the petitioners be granted; and their request as regards the selection of the deputation to open said Grand Lodge, be complied with.

In the case of the second petition herein named, your committee are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners cannot in conformity with Article IV, of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge, be granted, such Article declaring that *two or more subordinate lodges, &c., in any state, district or territory, having seven Past Grands, may petition the Grand Lodge of the United States for a Grand Lodge, &c.*

The committee in the case of the petition from Merrimack Lodge, No. 7, recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

The committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions.

All which is respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM C. BRANIN,
THEODORE FROST,
HENRY WOLFORD.

Resolved, That the prayer of the subordinate lodges in the state of Connecticut for a Grand Lodge* to be located at the city of New Haven, be granted.

Resolved, That so much of the prayer of the petitioners from the above state, as relates to holding its sittings alternately at Hartford and New Haven, be not complied with.

Resolved, That the prayer of the Past Grands in the republic of Texas, for a Grand Lodge, cannot be granted, the application not being in conformity with the Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.

Resolved, That the prayer of Merrimack Lodge, No. 7, Mass., for a new charter be granted.

On motion, the report was accepted, and the resolutions adopted.

On motion, the resolution laid on the table last evening on the subject of the Regalia of the Order, was called up for consideration.

Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, proposed to amend the resolution by submitting therefor the following:

Resolved, That the following is the appropriate Regalia of this Order, viz:

The aprons, in all cases, (except the Encampments,) should be white, trimmed with a fringe or ribbon corresponding with the emblematic color of the degree intended to be represented—that is, for the White Degree, white; for the Covenant Degree, pink; for the Royal Blue Degree, blue; for the Remembrance Degree, green; for the Scarlet Degree, scarlet.

The collars may be white, trimmed with the above colors to designate the degrees, or may be plain collars of the appropriate colors.

Noble Grands shall be entitled to wear, trimmings of white lace and silver bullion; and in addition to these trimmings, Past Grands may also wear stars on the collar.

Members of the Encampment are entitled to wear, in addition to, or a substitute for the above, the emblematic colors of the Encampment.

* A Grand Lodge.—The Grand Lodge of Connecticut was opened on November 15th, 1840, when the following Grand Officers were installed, viz: Frederick Crosswell, M. W. G. M.; J. B. Gilman, R. W. D. G. M.; J. G. Palmer, R. W. G. W.; Wm. E. Vibbert, R. W. G. Sec'y; Samuel Bishop, R. W. G. Treasurer.

Rep. McGowan, of New York, moved that the resolution be referred to a committee of three, and that they report to-morrow morning, which was lost.

The question then recurred on the original resolution,* which was decided in the affirmative.

P. G. Sire Wildey offered the following, which was adopted.

Resolved, That there be a new Seal procured by the next Annual Session, for this Grand Lodge, to be made of steel.

On motion of Rep. Wolford, of Kentucky, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the nomination of Grand Officers for the ensuing term.

Whereupon, the following nominations were made, viz :

For Grand Sire.

By Rep. Frost, of New York, P. G. M. John A. Kennedy, of New York.

By Rep. Branin, of New Jersey, P. G. M. Howell Hopkins, of Pennsylvania.

By Rep. Marley, of Maryland, P. G. M. George M. Bain, of Virginia.

By Rep. Wildey, of Mississippi, P. G. M. James L. Ridgely, of Maryland.

For D. Grand Sire.

By Rep. Wildey, of Mississippi, P. G. M. Augustus Mathiot, of Maryland.

By Rep. Brown, of Pennsylvania, P. G. M. Horn R. Kneass, of Pennsylvania.

By Rep. Frost, of New York, P. G. M. William W. Moore, of District of Columbia.

For Grand Secretary.

By Rep. Brown, of Pennsylvania, P. D. G. M. William G. Cook, of Maryland.

For Grand Treasurer.

By Rep. Wildey, of Mississippi, P. G. M. Andrew E. Warner, of Maryland.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election. The Chair appointed Rep's Frost, of New York, and Wolford, of Kentucky, as tellers.

The tellers reported that P. G. M. James L. Ridgely, had received a majority of all the votes cast for Grand Sire.

Whereupon, the Grand Sire declared P. G. M. JAMES L. RIDGELY, of Maryland, duly elected Grand Sire, for the coming term.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of D. Grand Sire, and several ballotings having taken place without a choice, Rep. Marley, of Maryland, enquired whether the Lodge was confined, in its vote, to the nominations made.

* *Original resolution.*—There is a defect in this minute, which made it somewhat difficult for the Order, at the time, to fairly comprehend the intent of the Grand Lodge. A resolution previously submitted was taken up, when another resolution was offered in the nature of a substitute; a motion was offered to refer the subject, which failing, without showing any action on the substitute as a substitute, the original resolution was adopted, leaving it in doubt whether or no the substitute had become the original resolution. Rep. Moore, in a letter before us is clearly of opinion, that his substitute was in due order accepted by Rep. Bain, and had thus become the original resolution. In this opinion, he is fortified by the recollection of several other members of the Grand Lodge at that session. It is, however, a matter of importance only so far as a correct journal is concerned; as at the succeeding session, a more elaborate enactment was embodied in the By-Laws, which superseded the utility of the resolution.

The Chair decided that it was, but that it was competent at any time for the Grand Lodge to arrest the balloting before the result was known, for the purpose of receiving new nominations, and to proceed regularly anew to the election.

Rep. Wildey, of Mississippi, then moved that the balloting be set aside and a new nomination take place.

Rep. Frost, of New York, objected to the motion, as out of order.

The Chair decided the motion to be in order.

Rep. Frost, of New York, appealed from the decision of the Chair, and the question being put, Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Grand Lodge? was determined by states as follows:

YEAS—Rep's Bain, of Virginia, 2 votes; Wildey, of Mississippi—3.

NAYS—Rep's Marley and Williamson, of Maryland; Frost and McGowan, of New York; Hewitt and Brown, of Pennsylvania; Moore, of District of Columbia; Branin of New Jersey; and Wolford, of Kentucky—9.

The decision of the Chair was therefore reversed.

Pending the question, Rep. Mathiot, of Illinois, asked to be excused from voting, when, on motion he was so excused.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded with the election of D. Grand Sire, when on counting the ballots, there being no choice, the Grand Lodge proceeded to a second ballot; when on counting the ballots, there being no choice, the Grand Lodge proceeded to a third ballot.

Rep. Bain, of Virginia, raised a question of order, whether candidates voted for, who had not been nominated, would, if elected, be constitutionally elected.

The Chair decided the question out of order, during the pendency of the ballot.

Whereupon, Rep. Bain, of Virginia, appealed from the decision, and the question being put, Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Grand Lodge?

The yeas and nays being ordered, were as follows:

YEAS—Rep's Frost, McGowan, Hewitt, Brown, Moore, Branin, Wildey and Mathiot—8.

NAYS—Rep's Marley, Williamson, Wolford and Bain, 2 votes—5.

So the decision of the Chair was sustained.

Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, moved that the Grand Lodge adjourn until three o'clock, this afternoon.

Rep. Wolford, of Kentucky, called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:

YEAS—Rep's Marley, Williamson, Hewitt, Brown, Moore, Branin, Wildey and Mathiot—8.

NAYS—Rep's Frost, McGowan, Wolford and Bain, 2 votes—5.

So the Grand Lodge adjourned until three o'clock, this afternoon.

THURSDAY, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, the Officers and a due representation.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The Grand Lodge renewed the balloting for D. Grand Sire.

The tellers reported that P. G. M. Horn R. Kneass had received a majority of the votes cast.

Whereupon, the Grand Sire declared P. G. M. HORN R. KNEASS, of Pennsylvania, duly elected D. Grand Sire for the ensuing term.

The Grand Lodge proceeded in the election.

The tellers reported that P. D. G. M. William G. Cook, had received all the votes for Grand Secretary; and P. G. M. Andrew E. Warner had received all the votes for Grand Treasurer.

Whereupon, the Grand Sire declared P. D. G. M. WILLIAM G. COOK, of Maryland, unanimously elected Grand Secretary; and P. G. M. ANDREW E. WARNER, of Maryland, unanimously elected Grand Treasurer, for the coming term.

Rep. Hewitt, of Pennsylvania, moved that the Diploma authorized by the last session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, to be presented to the Representatives, be filled up with the vote of the Grand Lodge, authorizing the presentation, in a form to be prepared under the direction of a committee, which motion prevailed.

The Chair named G. Cor. Secretary Ridgely, and Rep's Bain, of Virginia and Wildey, of Mississippi, the committee.

Rep. Bain, of Virginia, asked to be excused from serving on the committee appointed at the Adjourned Annual Session, 1840, to collect the laws of the Order, and on motion he was excused, and Rep. Williamson, of Maryland, substituted.

Rep. Stanford, of Missouri, offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That in future, the nomination of Officers shall be, that the Grand Sire shall put the question of nomination for Grand Sire, then the election shall proceed previous to the nomination of D. Grand Sire, and so with all other officers of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Brown, of Pennsylvania, offered the following proposition to amend the Constitution, which was referred to the next Annual Session.

That Article XV, of the Constitution, be amended by striking out the words "of the Representatives or Proxies," in the first line.

Rep. Wildey, of Mississippi, from the Committee on the Work of the Order, presented the following report, which was accepted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the Work of the Order, ask leave to continue their labors as regards the translation of the Work into the French language, as it is not completed.

THOMAS WILDEY, *Chairman*.

G. Cor. Secretary Ridgely from the special committee to whom was referred the subject of preparing a form for filling up the Diplomas to be presented to the Representatives, presented the following report, which was adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The committee to whom was referred the preparation of a form for filling up of the Diploma presented to the Representatives, ask leave to report the following form and resolution.

In Grand Lodge assembled, present a Representation from Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania, District of Columbia, Ohio, Louisiana, New Jersey, Kentucky, Virginia, Mississippi and Illinois, have unanimously presented to our well beloved brother ———, the R. W. G. Rep. of the Grand Lodge of ———, this Diploma, as an evidence of his regular communion and fellowship with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and in appreciation of his zeal and devotion to the welfare of our beloved Order.

Done at the city of Baltimore on the — day of ———, in the year of our Order in the United States, 21; and of our Lord, 1840.

Resolved, That the Grand Sire procure the same to be executed in handsome style of penmanship during the present session of the Grand Lodge.

JAMES L. RIDGELY,
GEORGE M. BAIN,
THOMAS WILDEY.

On motion of Rep. McGowan, of New York, the report of the special committee to whom was referred the appeal of Columbia Lodge, No. 3, Maryland, was taken up for consideration.

Rep. Brown, of Pennsylvania, moved that the report be adopted, which was lost.

Rep. Bain, of Virginia, moved that Columbia Lodge, No. 3, Maryland, have leave to withdraw the appeal, which motion prevailed.

The following bills were presented, viz:

G. Cor. Secretary Ridgely, for postage, \$10 04

G. Messenger Chamberlain, for services, 11 15

On motion, the bills were referred to the Committee of Finance.

P. G. Sire Pearce presented a bill for travelling expenses for \$20 00

On motion of Rep. McGowan, of New York, the bill was referred to the special committee to whom was referred the report of the committee on Diploma.

On motion of Rep. Brown, of Pennsylvania, the Grand Lodge adjourned until nine o'clock, to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, October 8th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment; Present, the Officers and a due representation.

The minutes of the afternoon session of yesterday, were read and approved.

Rep. Branin, of New Jersey, offered the following, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the Grand Sire be required to reclaim and take possession of the charter, books and papers of all Grand Lodges, subordinate lodges and Encampments, working under a charter from this Grand Lodge, which shall have been forfeited, according to the conditions of said charter.

A bill was presented from P. D. G. Sire Robert Neilson, for printing, amounting to \$189 50, which was referred to the Committee of Finance.

A communication was presented from G. Patriarch Churchill, of Ohio, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Rep. Brown, of Pennsylvania, offered the following, which was decided in the affirmative.

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing be directed to receive proposals for printing the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, and have the same executed in the cheapest and most expeditious manner.

The credentials of P. G. M. James L. Ridgely, and P. G. A. I. W. Jackson, as Proxy Representatives of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, were presented, and, on motion, were referred to the committee on credentials.

Also, the report of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, which was referred to the Committee on Reports.

The following communication from the Grand Lodge of Ohio, was read, and, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

"To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The following list of grievances were submitted for your consideration and action, by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, on the 26th of September, 1840.

1st. The travelling password of the United States is unnecessarily delayed, or transmitted in a questionable manner.

The travelling password for the year 1840, was received by this Grand Lodge through a D. D. Grand Sire; but delivered in such a manner that the Grand Lodge did not feel authorized in its use; in this it was communicated to different members of this Grand Lodge, as we believe, improperly and in an unauthorized manner—the Grand Master or D. Grand Master being the only persons to whom it can be legally communicated. 2d. It was again received in this city in writing, without the endorsement of any officer of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, as known to this Grand Lodge.

2d. The Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States are transmitted with the same irregularity as the yearly password.

3d. Letters to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States, are unanswered, or answered by persons to whom they were not addressed. In this there is great want of regularity.

4th. The importance of immediate information of amendments to, or alterations in the Work of the Order. By the proceedings of 1838, it will be seen that a resolution was offered by the Representative of New York, declaring it illegal to admit a brother from a lodge in another state, unless his card is countersigned by the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of said state.

Appended to this, is a resolution requiring the Grand Secretary to inform all Grand Lodges of the passage of the above resolution. Is this to be done officially by him, or are the printed proceedings considered a sufficient notification?

5th. What is the proper construction of the resolution referred to, and also the amendment reported by the Committee on the Work of the Order, at April Session, 1840? Is the Grand Lodge of Ohio, by her Secretary, to endorse all cards in blank, or after they have been filled by subordinate lodges? If in blank, what use can be made of those countersigned by one Grand Secretary when another has been elected, the year having expired?

If, after being filled, how can the law be complied with, when lodges are 300 or 400 miles distant from each other in the same state?

6th. Admission of members of Manchester Unity. The brethren from England claim admission into our lodges, as they suppose, under sanction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, but without any of the requisites.

7th. Regalia. Much difference of opinion exists among the brethren in relation to regalia. Particular information is desired on this subject. Is a member without degrees entitled to a rosette or silver trimmings? If so, what is the distinctive mark of the first degree, or of the Grand Lodge?

8th. Want of uniformity in the Work of the Order. There is much difference in the mode of working in the several lodges in the United States; and that of the Manchester Unity possesses not even the semblance of Odd Fellowship, as known to us.

9th. The installation and charges to the officers are entirely changed. All officers are required by the constitutions of their respective lodges, to perform their duties in accordance with the charges given them. The books now used contain no charges.

10th. Innovations by Grand Lodges sanctioned. By the printed proceedings of 1840, it appears the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, without authority from the

R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, caused to be translated into the German and French languages, the charges and degrees of the Order. The Grand Lodge of the United States adopted them as its own, without reproof for exercising an authority not vested in a state Grand Lodge.

11th. Granting dispensations without solicitation by Grand Lodges. In this, P. G. Sire Thomas Wildey, as Agent of the Grand Lodge of the United States, granted dispensations to three members of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, for the past degrees, at their own solicitation. The Lodge has not acknowledged the authority of the dispensations, and has not conferred the degrees. Has the Grand Lodge of the United States a supreme dispensing power over the state Grand Lodges? If so, cannot that body constitute any subordinate lodge into a Grand Lodge?

The charter of the Grand Lodge delegates all power in the government of members in this state, to this Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted in F. L. and T.,

E. H. WELLS, *Grand Secretary, pro tem.*
of Grand Lodge of Ohio.

September 28th, 1840.

A communication was received from Far West Lodge, No. 1, Little Rock, Arkansas, which was read and referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Rep. Williamson, of Maryland, from the special committee to whom was referred the report of the committee on Diploma, presented a report and resolutions.

On motion of Rep. Brown, of Pennsylvania, the report was accepted.

Rep. Bain, of Virginia, moved that the report and resolutions be laid on the table, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Marley, of Maryland, from the committee on credentials, presented the following report, which was accepted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee on credentials report as correct, the credentials of James L. Ridgely and A. I. W. Jackson, Proxy Representatives of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

THOMAS WILDEY,
CHARLES MCGOWAN,
RICHARD MARLEY.

Rep. Ridgely, of Ohio, then appeared and took his seat.

The following communication was received from P. D. G. Sire Robert Neilson.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

It is, no doubt, well known to your honorable body, that the undersigned has been engaged for the last four years in publishing a periodical devoted, *exclusively*, to the cause of Odd Fellowship, in which he has expended much, of what has been to him, valuable time.

The Covenant was projected at a time when Anti-Masonry was making fearful strides in the Northern, Middle and Western States of the Union, for the purpose of enlightening the public mind, and enlarging the borders of Odd Fellowship, by laying before the community such documents and facts connected with the institution, as might be considered most conducive to effect the object of its publication.

That it has accomplished much, the undersigned is bold to assert; for proof of which, he would respectfully refer to his correspondence as published from time to time, in the body of the work itself, and various other testimony in his possession; but, that it has done all the good it might, and would have done, under other circumstances, he will not pretend to say. The contrary is well known to him to be the fact.

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Cramped in his circumstances—a large and helpless family to provide for—the embarrassed state of the currency, thereby rendering it impossible to make collections—his determination not to involve himself in pecuniary difficulties, and so bring a reproach upon our laudable profession, all tended to retard its regular appearance, and diminish the interest of the brethren in its behalf.

From the above, and other considerations which might be mentioned, did time and space permit, the undersigned would respectfully propose to dispose of his interest in the Covenant, to your honorable body, upon such terms as may be mutually agreed upon, either by a committee, or such other manner as may be deemed most expedient.

The undersigned would ask indulgence of the Grand Lodge to present a few general reasons why such a publication should be under the control and management of the Grand Lodge of the United States. 1st. The character and standing of the work itself, commanding respect, as emanating from the great head of the Order. 2d. The revenue that would be brought into the grand treasury, from the profit of publication, which in ordinary times and under good management, would be able to meet all the current expenses of the Grand Lodge; and thereby relieve, if deemed expedient, the tax now levied upon subordinate Grand Lodges and Encampments. 3d. It would prevent rival publications from being started, in various sections of the country, no doubt with proper and correct motives in the beginning, but which may be led away by sectional feeling and jealousy, and in the end prove destructive to the harmony and good fellowship that now so happily prevails throughout the country. 4th. The increased number of subscribers that may be fairly calculated upon, when made the organ of the Grand Lodge of the United States; the increased facility of communication with the several branches of the Order—correcting abuses, punishing offenders, healing dissensions, harmonizing conflicting opinions, &c. &c.

The undersigned would respectfully ask the favorable consideration, by your honorable body, of his proposition.

And as in duty bound, he will ever pray.

ROBERT NEILSON.

On motion, the communication was referred to a special committee of three.

The Chair appointed as the committee, Rep's Ridgely, of Ohio; Wildey, of Mississippi; and Mathiot, of Illinois.

Rep. Ridgely, of Ohio, moved that the report of the committee to whom was referred the report of the committee on Diploma, be now taken up for consideration, which motion prevailed.

Whereupon, Rep. Branin, of New Jersey, offered a resolution as an amendment to those submitted by the committee.

On motion of Rep. Wolford, of Kentucky, the Grand Lodge adjourned until three o'clock, this afternoon.

FRIDAY, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, the Officers and a due representation.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Rep. Ridgely, of Ohio, moved that the resolution offered by Rep. Branin, of New Jersey, as an additional resolution, amendatory of the resolutions reported by the special committee, be rejected.

Rep. Branin, of New Jersey, asked and obtained leave to withdraw the same.

Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, called for the question on the resolutions separately.

The first and second resolutions were then adopted.

The vote on the third resolution being about to be taken, Rep. Hewitt, of Pennsylvania, called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:

YEAS—Rep's Marley, Williamson, Frost, McGowan, Moore; Bain, 2 votes; Ridgely, 2 votes—9.

NAYS—Rep's Hewitt, Brown, Branin and Wolford—4.

So the resolution was adopted.

Pending the question, Rep. Wildey, of Mississippi, asked to be excused from voting, when, on motion, he was so excused.

The 4th, 5th and 6th resolutions, were then severally adopted.

Rep. Frost, of New York, from the Committee of Correspondence, presented the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee of Correspondence to whom was referred the report of the Grand Corresponding Secretary, ask leave respectfully to report:

That they have carefully examined the *Key* of the Manchester Unity, England, explaining their system for the protection of their travelling P. W., in its transmission to the subordinate lodges under their jurisdiction, referred to in the report of the Grand Corresponding Secretary, and find that it contains much merit; both as regards the simplicity in its construction, and the general protectiveness of its character.

Your committee being of opinion that a similar system emanating from this body, would be of inestimable service to the Order in this country, and duly appreciated by the brotherhood at large, would recommend that the same be adopted.

The committee, on so much of the report of the Grand Corresponding Secretary, as relates to the forwarding of copies of printed proceedings, and blank forms, to the several Grand Lodges, Grand and subordinate Encampments, and subordinate lodges under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, would respectfully report: That the resolution specifying the ratio of copies of printed proceedings to which each lodge and Encampment is entitled to—adopted on the 6th instant, will in future provide for such distribution.

The reports from the Grand and subordinate Lodges, received through the Grand Corresponding Secretary, the committee would recommend be referred to the Committee on Reports.

In regard to the neglect complained of on the part of distant lodges under this jurisdiction, in not transmitting their dues with their reports, your committee would recommend the adoption of the resolutions accompanying this report relative to the subject. The practice of communications generally for the Grand Lodge, being forwarded with the postage unpaid, your committee conceive to be a justifiable one: inasmuch as in the opinion of your committee, the exception of communications coming from a distance, will be more easily facilitated. And as the same rule will apply in the case of Grand and subordinate Lodges receiving communications from this body, your committee would recommend no action on the subject.

The application from Arkansas, for an Encampment, referred to by the Grand Corresponding Secretary, your committee would recommend be referred to the Committee on Petitions.

The committee would recommend that so much of the communication from D. D. G. M. Potts, as relates to the irregularity of the Order in its Work in Wisconsin, be referred to the Grand Sire, with the view of his affording him every facility in his power for the correction of their Work: the committee would also recommend that the letters received by the Grand Corresponding Secretary, inquiring for council and instructions upon the Work of the Order, take the same course.

The committee have reviewed the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, and the Constitution and By-Laws of Tennessee Lodge, No. 2, referred to in the report of the Grand Corresponding Secretary, and find nothing in either of the documents referred to, contrary to the spirit of our Institution.

From the report of the Grand Master of New York, alluded to by the Grand Corresponding Secretary, it is obvious that the Order in that state is in an unexampled state of prosperity.

The prospectus for the Odd Fellows' Gazette, by Rev. Thomas Greer Clayton, Charleston, S. C., received by the Grand Corresponding Secretary, your committee would recommend to the favorable notice of the Order in general.

In relation to the mode to be observed in future, for the distribution of the Diploma, your committee would recommend that the Grand Secretary, only supply orders for the same, coming from state Grand Lodges under this jurisdiction, and subordinate lodges in states where no Grand Lodge exists.

The committee having thus examined the report of the Grand Corresponding Secretary, and the documents therein referred to, would respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolutions.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THEODORE FROST,
HENRY WOLFORD,
WILLIAM C. BRANIN.

Resolved, That the Key of the Manchester Unity, submitted to this Grand Lodge, through the Grand Corresponding Secretary, be and the same is hereby adopted.

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding Secretary, in distributing printed copies of proceedings to Lodges under this jurisdiction, be referred to the resolution adopted on the 6th instant, relative to the subject.

Resolved, That the reports from Grand and subordinate Lodges received by the Grand Corresponding Secretary, be and are hereby referred to the Committee on Reports.

Resolved, That the several Grand Lodges under this jurisdiction, appointing Proxy Representatives, be and are hereby directed to leave the certificates of such Proxy Representatives, together with their Annual Returns, and the dues thereon, in the hands of the Grand Secretary at least one month previous to the Annual Communications of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the several Encampments and subordinate lodges working under this jurisdiction, be and are hereby directed to have their Annual Returns with the dues thereon, in the hands of the Grand Secretary, at least one month previous to the Annual Communications of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be and is hereby directed to officially notify the several Grand Lodges, Encampments and subordinate lodges under this jurisdiction, of the two foregoing resolutions.

Resolved, That the petition from members of Far West Lodge, No. 1, Arkansas, for a charter for an Encampment of Patriarchs, be and the same is hereby referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Resolved, That so much of the correspondence received by the Grand Corresponding Secretary, during the past year, relative to counsel in the Work of the Order, be and the same is hereby referred to the M. W. Grand Sire.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary, be and is hereby directed to only furnish orders for the Diploma established by the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, emanating from the several state Grand Lodges under this jurisdiction, and subordinate lodges in states where Grand Lodges do not exist.

On motion of Rep. McGowan, of New York, the report was accepted and the resolutions adopted.

Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, offered the following, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be and is hereby directed to have printed in circular form, a sufficient number of the Key referred to in one of the above resolutions, to supply each state and district Grand Lodge, and each subordinate lodge working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, with a copy of the same.

Rep. Branin, of New Jersey, from the Committee on Petitions, presented the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Petitions to whom was referred the Petition from Wm. Morrison, F. C. Kendall, C. L. Sullivan, L. Hazm, N. Clifton, S. W. Whitaker, E. H. Walden, G. S. Morrison, T. S. Reynolds, and J. D. Sands, of Far West Lodge No. 1, Little Rock, Arkansas, praying for a charter to open an Encampment at the city of Little Rock, Arkansas, to be known by the title of Mt. Horeb Encampment, No. 1, beg leave to report by the following resolutions.

WILLIAM C. BRANIN,
THEODORE FROST,
HENRY WOLFORD.

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners named in the foregoing report, for an Encampment at Little Rock, Arkansas, be granted, whenever the Grand Lodge shall have received through the proper officer, the charter fee for the same.

Resolved, That the charter be filled with Mt. Horeb Encampment, No. 1, of Little Rock, Arkansas.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolutions adopted.

Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, from the Committee on Reports presented the following, which was accepted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Reports to whom was referred the report of the acts and doings of the Grand Sire during the recess of this Grand Lodge, beg leave to report, that they find nothing therein requiring the action of this Grand Lodge.

WILLIAM W. MOORE,
ISAAC D. WILLIAMSON.

On motion of Rep. Ridgely, of Ohio, the vote of the Grand Lodge upon the report of the committee on credentials in relation to the representation from Ohio, was re-considered.

On motion of Rep. McGowan, of New York, the report of the committee on the credentials of the Representatives of Ohio, as received, was re-committed to the committee.

On motion, the Grand Sire and the G. Cor. Secretary were authorized to have a new edition of the Diploma struck off, if deemed necessary.

Rep. McGowan, of New York, from the committee on credentials presented the following report, which was adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee on credentials to whom was re-committed the credentials from Ohio report, that P. G. A. I. W. Jackson, one of the Proxies returned by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, is not qualified to a seat in this Grand Lodge, not having received the R. P. D., and that P. G. M. James L. Ridgely, being duly qualified would report his credentials as correct.

CHARLES MCGOWAN, *Chairman.*

Rep. McGowan, of New York, from the Committee of Finance presented the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee of Finance beg leave to report the following bills referred to them, as correct.

John Coats, for printing and binding Charge books, -	\$45 00
John T. Brown, for freight, -	50
N. Hickman, for stationary, from 25 April to Oct. 1840, -	15 37
Z. B. Glazier, travelling expenses as G. Sire, -	50 00
W. G. Cook, as G. R. Secretary, -	125 00
W. G. Cook, postage up to Oct. 1840, -	12 38
James L. Ridgely, G. C. Secretary, postage, -	10 04
J. E. Chamberlain, preparing charters, -	11 18
J. L. Ridgely, as G. C. Sec'y, one half year to Oct. 1840, -	100 00
W. G. Cook, bill for trunk, -	11 00
J. E. Chamberlain, as Messenger, -	12 00
Z. B. Glazier's bill, -	104 00
R. Neilson's bill for printing, -	189 50
Discount on notes, -	9 25
Cash paid G. Sire Wildey, being amount over paid by him, -	30 00
Cash paid for Diploma, -	541 50

\$1266 72

RICHARD MARLEY.
CHARLES MCGOWAN.
ANDREW C. HEWITT.

On motion, the report was accepted, and the bills reported, ordered to be paid.

Rep. McGowan, of New York, from the Committee of Finance, presented the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee of Finance to whom was referred the accounts of Mt. Horeb Encampment, No. 1, Kentucky, beg leave to report by resolutions.

CHARLES MCGOWAN,
RICHARD MARLEY.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to credit to Mt. Horeb Encampment, No. 1, Kentucky, \$68 65, the amount having been paid by said Encampment.

Resolve 1, That the sum of \$28 52, paid as ten per cent. on school Fund, by said Encampment, be and the same is hereby remitted.

On motion, the report was accepted and the resolutions adopted.

The Chair appointed Rep. Ridgely, of Ohio, and P. G. Sire Wildey, as the Printing Committee.

Rep. Branin, of New Jersey, from the Committee on Petitions, presented the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the communication from the Grand Lodge of Ohio, would respectfully ask leave to report by the following resolution.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM C. BRANIN.
THEODORE FROST,
HENRY WOLFORD.

Resolved, That the communication referred to in the above report, be and the same is hereby referred to the consideration of the Grand Sire.

On motion, the report was accepted, and the resolution adopted.

Rep. Frost, of New York, offered the following :

Resolved, by the Grand Lodge of the United States, That the sum of \$350 be, and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of purchasing the full length likeness of P. G. Sire Thomas Wildey, made by brother James G. Sawkins, of the city of Baltimore, and that the Grand Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized to pay to the order of the said brother J. G. Sawkins therefor, upon the exhibition of the order of the Grand Sire, the sum of \$50, should there be so much in the treasury after the payment of the existing bills at the present Communication; the sum of \$150 at the termination of the September Session, 1841; and the further sum of \$150 at the close of the September Communication, 1842.

Resolved, further, That the Grand Lodge of Maryland be, and is hereby respectfully requested to place the said picture immediately in the rear of the N. G.'s chair, in the room on the first floor of their hall; and in order that the same may be conspicuously shown from that position, to cause such alterations in the chair to be made, as may be necessary to accomplish the purpose.

Rep. Wolford, of Kentucky, called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:

YEAS—Rep's Marley, Williamson, Frost, McGowan; Bain, 2 votes; and Ridgely, 2 votes—8.

NAYS—Rep's Hewitt, Brown, Branin, Wolford and Moore—5.

So the resolutions were adopted.

Rep. McGowan, of New York, from the Committee of Finance, presented the following report, which was adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee of Finance would respectfully report, that in the examination of the Treasurer's accounts, they find that on the 30th of April, 1840, he had on hand \$848 40, and has received since that time \$710 55, making the gross amount of \$1558 95; of which amount there has been

paid in discharge of bills ordered by this Grand Lodge, \$1266 23; leaving a balance in the Treasurer's hands of \$292 73.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES MCGOWAN,
RICHARD MARLEY,
ANDREW C. HEWITT.

Rep. Branin, of New Jersey, from the Committee on Petitions, presented the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the application from the Grand Encampment of Ohio, soliciting the "Grand Encampment Degree," and praying that this Grand Lodge would inform, through the Grand Secretary, Nimrod Encampment, No. 3, at Steubenville, Ohio, of the existence of the above Grand Encampment in the state of Ohio, directing said Nimrod Encampment, No. 3, to make itself subordinate to it, ask leave respectfully to report by the following resolutions.

Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM C. BRANIN,
THEODORE FROST,
HENRY WOLFORD.

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. of O. F., in the work of the Patriarchal branch of the Order, has adopted no degree superior to that of the R. P. D.

Resolved, That Nimrod Encampment, No. 3, Steubenville, Ohio, be and is hereby directed to make its subordination to the Grand Encampment of Ohio, at Cincinnati.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be and is hereby directed to notify the Grand Encampment of Ohio, of the two above resolutions, and Nimrod Encampment, No. 3, Steubenville, of the second.

On motion, the report was accepted.

A motion was made to adjourn *sine die*, and was determined in the negative.

The resolutions were then considered separately. The first resolution was adopted.

The question then recurred on the second resolution.

The yeas and nays being called, were as follows.

YEAS—Rep's Marley, Frost, McGowan, Moore, Wolford; Bain, 2 votes; and Wildey—8.

NAYS—Rep's Williamson, Hewitt, Brown, Branin, and Ridgely, 2 votes—6.

So the resolution was adopted.

The question then recurring on the third resolution, it was decided in the affirmative.

On motion, the Grand Lodge closed the Annual Session.

WILLIAM G. COOK,
Grand Recording Secretary.

*Amount of Money received by the Grand Recording Secretary, from April,
1840, to October 5, 1840.*

Grand Lodge of New York, for books,	\$60 00
Tennessee Lodge, No. 1,	70 00
Dayton Encampment, No. 2,	18 00
Neilson Encampment, No. 2,	19 19
Mobile, Lodge, No. 2,	25 00
Glazier Encampment, No. 6, Va., for charter,	30 00
Quinnipiac Lodge, No. 1, two reports,	53 38
Grand Lodge charter, Texas,	30 00
Grand Lodge charter, Connecticut,	30 00
Wilkey Encampment, No. 1, St. Louis,	34 66
Grand Lodge of Missouri,	25 34
Marley Encampment, No. 2, D. C.	3 50
Grand Lodge of District of Columbia,	90 00
Columbia Encampment, No. 1, D. C.	28 43
Grand Lodge of New Jersey,	90 00
Trenton Encampment, No. 2,	6 97
Grand Lodge of Mississippi,	90 00
Louisiana Encampment, No. 2,	8 00
Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania,	40 00
Grand Lodge of District of Columbia, books,	4 00
Nashville Lodge, No. 2,	10 00
Grand Lodge of Kentucky,	6 52
Grand Lodge of Ohio,	40 00
Grand Lodge of Maryland,	40 00
Grand Encampment of Kentucky, Cr. Mt. Horeb,	30 00
Wilkey Encampment, No. 3, Va.	5 56
Grand Lodge of New York,	40 00
	\$710 55

Dr. GRAND LODGE of U. S., in account with A. E. WARNER, G. Treas. Cr.

1840.	1840.
May 15, To discount on uncurrent note,	April 30, By balance in treasury, \$848 40
\$145, - - \$ 8 45	Oct. 9, cash receiv'd from G.
Jan. 29, cash P. G. Sire Thos. Wilkey, order of	Sec'y, at different
G. Sec'y. - 30 00	dates, - - 710 55
Oct. 8, " Z. B. Glazier, for	
Diploma, - 541 00	
" 9, " disc't on uncurrent	
notes, - - 80	
" " J. T. Brown, bill, 45 50	
" " W. G. Cook, G. Sec. salary, &c. 148 38	
" " Z. B. Glazier, G. Sire, for bills, 154 00	
" " N. Hickman, bill, 15 37	
" " R. Neilson, bill, 189 50	
" " J. L. Ridgely, sala- ry and postage, 110 04	
" " J. E. Chamberlain, Messenger, &c. 23 18	
" Balance on hand, - 292 73	
\$1568 95	\$1568 95

Annual Report of Grand and Subordinate Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., for the year ending September, 1840.

LODGES.	Where held.	States.	No. of Lodges.	Initiations.	Suspensions.	Expulsions.	Past Grands.	P. G. Masters.	Revenue of Subordinate Lodges.	Contributing Members.	No. of Brothers relieved.	No. of Widowed Pa- niles relieved.	No. of Brothers buried.	Amount paid for re- lief of Brothers.	Amount paid for re- lief of Widowed Pa- niles.	Amount paid for ed- ucation of Orphans.	Amount paid for bu- rying the dead.	Total amount of re- lief.
G. L. of Maryland,	Baltimore,	Md.	26	406	157	9	9	6	9,016 45	1,633	...	...	...	1,545 21	512 75	325 93	323 00	2,706 89
" New York,	New York,	N. Y.	28	1435	101	7	7	4	16,269 34	2,477	...	...	...	3,490 12	197 50	...	473 60	4,577 51
" Pennsylvania,	Philadelphia,	Penn.	45	454	156	5	5	12	13,698 47	3,194	...	...	...	432 00	55 00	23 13	60 00	570 13
" District of Columbia,	Washington,	D. C.	6	173	1	8	1	7	3,178 69	367	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Delaware,	Wilmington,	Del.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Ohio,	Cincinnati,	Ohio.	7	459	4	69	...	7	911 26	1,166	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Louisiana,	New Orleans,	La.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" New Jersey,	Trenton,	N. J.	3	16	11	...	...	3	644 98	219	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Kentucky,	Louisville,	Ky.	5	73	46	3	...	4	3,569 16	1,357	...	...	...	...	189 87	...	...	189 87
" Virginia,	Richmond,	Va.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Indiana,	New Albany,	Ind.	17	154	13	2	...	1	6,287 26	368	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Mississippi,	Natchez,	Ms.	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Missouri,	St. Louis,	Mo.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Illinois,	Alton,	Ill.	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Iowa,	Mineral Point,	I. T.	...	...	...	...	...	...	174 16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Alabama,	Mobile,	Ala.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" New West,	Little Rock,	Ark.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Lone Star,	Houston,	Tex.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Harmony,	Galveston,	Texas,	3	67	15	...	...	...	2,823 62	52	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Galveston,	Galveston,	Texas,	...	...	...	...	...	...	371 00	204	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Quinnipiac,	New Haven,	Conn.	...	...	...	...	...	...	530 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Charter Oak,	Hartford,	Conn.	3	35	1	...	...	...	127 62	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Middlesex,	E. Hadham,	S. C.	1	14	...	...	...	...	55 50	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" South Carolina,	Charleston,	S. C.	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Merrimack,	Lowell,	Mass.	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			155	3343	536	96	...	46	\$59,298 79	11,166	...	...	...	\$5,467 33	\$955 12	\$319 06	\$86 66	\$3,044 40

Annual Report of Grand and Subordinate Encampments to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., for the year ending September, 1840.

CAMPMENTS.	Where held.	States.	No. of Subor- dinate.	Initiations.	Suspensions.	Expulsions.	Revenue.	Contributing Members.	Remarks.
of Maryland,	Baltimore,	Md.	5	...	...	...	...	...	No Report.
New York,	New York,	N. Y.	4	39	...	1	532 78	110	
Ohio,	Cincinnati,	Ohio,	3	60	...	...	1096 75	235	
Kentucky,	Louisville,	Ky.	3	...	...	...	...	...	"
Wis.,	Washington,	D. C.	2	22	...	...	284 37	47	
Ill.,	Alexandria,	D. C.	2	3	...	...	11 00	...	"
La.,	New Orleans,	La.	2	...	...	...	...	...	"
Del.,	St. Francisville,	La.	2	...	...	...	...	...	"
N. J.,	Wilmington,	Del.	1	...	...	...	...	...	"
Pa.,	Trenton,	N. J.	1	2	...	...	69 72	21	
W. Va.,	Wheeling,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	"
Richmond,	Richmond,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	"
Portsmouth,	Portsmouth,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	"
Norfolk,	Norfolk,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	"
Winchester,	Winchester,	Va.	6	4	2	...	55 62	50	
Petersburg,	Petersburg,	Va.	...	...	...	...	...	...	"
Mobile,	Mobile,	Ala.	1	11	...	...	288 00	...	"
Natchez,	Natchez,	Ala.	1	...	...	...	...	...	"
Vicksburg,	Vicksburg,	Ms.	2	7	...	...	480 09	...	"
St. Louis,	St. Louis,	Mo.	1	...	...	...	...	...	"
New Albany,	New Albany,	Ind.	2	...	...	...	...	...	"
Madison,	Madison,	Ind.	2	...	...	...	...	...	"
Alton,	Alton,	Ill.	2	...	...	...	...	...	"
Galena,	Galena,	Ill.	2	...	...	...	...	...	"
Mineral Point,	Mineral Point,	I. T.	1	...	...	...	...	...	"
			36	138	2	1	\$2,868 33	463	

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION
OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES,

Held at the City of Baltimore, September, 1841.

MONDAY, September 20th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge convened this day, at Odd Fellows' Hall, city of Baltimore, being the regular Annual Communication, when the following were present:

ZENAS B. GLAZIER,	M. W. G. Sire.
HORN R. KNEASS,	R. W. D. G. Sire, <i>p. t.</i>
JAMES L. RIDGELY,	R. W. G. C. Secretary.
ANDREW E. WARNER,	R. W. G. Treasurer.
ISAAC D. WILLIAMSON,	W. G. Chaplain, <i>p. t.</i>
SAMUEL J. POOLEY,	W. G. Guardian <i>p. t.</i>
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN,	W. G. Messenger.

The Grand Secretary presented the certificates of the Representatives of the several Grand Lodges, viz:

P. G. M. RICHARD MARLEY,	} Reps. of Maryland.
P. G. M. ANDREW E. WARNER,	
P. G. ALANSON COOK,	} Reps. of New York.
P. G. THADDEUS DAVIDS,	
P. G. M. HOWELL HOPKINS,	} Reps. of Pennsylvania.
P. G. NAPOLEON B. LEIDY,	
P. G. M. JOHN A. KENNEDY,	Proxy Rep. of Delaware.
P. G. MARK P. TAYLOR,	Rep. of Ohio.
P. G. M. JAMES L. RIDGELY,	Proxy Rep. of Ohio.
P. G. M. SAMUEL LUCAS,	Proxy Rep. of Louisiana.
P. G. M. SYLVESTER V ^N SICKELL,	Rep. of New Jersey.
P. G. M. ROBERT NEILSON,	Proxy Rep. of Indiana.
P. G. Sire THOMAS WILDEY,	Proxy Rep. of Mississippi.
P. G. WILLIAM BAYLEY,	Proxy Rep. of Missouri.
P. G. CHARLES W. BRADLEY,	Rep. of Connecticut.

It appearing that a constitutional quorum was present, the D. Grand Sire was directed to examine the Representatives.

The D. Grand Sire reported that the Representatives present were duly qualified; and then by order of the Grand Sire, proclaimed the Grand Lodge duly opened for the transaction of business.

After an address to the Throne of Grace by the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Sire appointed Rep's Cook, of New York ; Taylor, of Ohio ; and Vn Sickell, of New Jersey, a committee to examine the credentials of the Representatives of the several Grand Lodges.

Rep. Cook, of New York, from the committee on credentials, presented the following report, which was accepted and the Representatives acknowledged.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee on credentials report, that they have examined the certificates of election and appointment of the various Representatives and Proxies from the several state Grand Lodges, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and find them made out in due form, with seals attached to them. We are unable, however, to report as to the correctness of these seals, not having fac-similes of the seals of the various state Grand Lodges, before us, to compare with them. The committee, however, would recommend that the Grand Corresponding Secretary examine the seals attached to the certificates, and if he find them, or any of them, correct or incorrect, to so report to the Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALANSON COOK,
MARK P. TAYLOR,
SYLVESTER Vn SICKELL.

The Grand Sire announced the following Standing Committees:

On Finance—Rep's Hopkins, of Pennsylvania ; Vn Sickell, of New Jersey ; and Kennedy, of Delaware.

On Petitions—Rep's Kennedy, of Delaware ; Cook, of New York ; and Leidy, of Pennsylvania.

On Returns—Rep's Marley, of Maryland ; Bradley, of Connecticut ; and Bayley, of Missouri.

On Correspondence—Rep's Hopkins, of Pennsylvania ; Taylor, of Ohio ; and Warner, of Maryland.

On the State of the Order—Rep's Leidy, of Pennsylvania ; Wildey, of Mississippi ; and Ridgely, of Ohio.

The Grand Treasurer presented his Annual Report, which was referred to the Committee of Finance.

The Grand Sire presented the following, being his Annual Report, which was read.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

In obedience to the Article I, of the Constitution, the Grand Sire presents his report to the Representatives at their regular Annual Communication. In so doing, he avails himself of the occasion, most cordially to facilitate them upon the progressive march of Old Fellowship, in both hemispheres. Since a period not exceeding, it is believed, fifty years, was the Independent Order of Odd Fellows originally instituted in England, and under circumstances far from auspicious, struggled its way amid difficulties and trials, which for the most part encompass the infancy of all efforts of benefaction to man. From thence its principles have been dis-

seminated to every quarter of the earth, embracing within the extended circle of its genial influence, our own happy land. However vigorous and progressive its increase wherever transplanted, it seems destined in no country, to a greater degree of prosperity, than in the land which gave it birth. To have planted their standard in this vast continent, and to have witnessed the growth of the scion, would of itself have satiated an ordinary ambition; but the zeal which animated the founders of the Order, has not abated with the present generation of Odd Fellows in England.— While the former have made every county, town, and village at home, the seat of one or more lodges, the latter have pushed the jurisdiction of the Manchester Unity, within the last few years, to Scotland and Ireland, to the continent of Europe, to Gibraltar, and even to the colony of New South Wales. To bind, if possible, more closely the relation which we bear to the mother country in Odd Fellowship, (it has been my constant desire to cherish a good understanding with the G. M. and Board of Directors in England,) and to leave no effort unemployed to assure them of the deep interest which the Grand Lodge of the United States have felt in the prosperity of the Order, wherever established. To these ends, immediately after the adjournment of your last session, the Corresponding Secretary was directed to resume and continue with regularity, the correspondence which had been previously had with that body. I have great pleasure in informing you, that this duty has been promptly and satisfactorily discharged by that officer, as from the correspondence which will be submitted will be manifest to the Representatives. I congratulate you upon the cordial spirit with which our brethren in England have received our suggestions, upon the zealous co-operation which they tender us in the promotion of the great ends of the Order, and the earnest regard which they express for the American link in that chain of Odd Fellowship, with which they hope to encompass the habitable earth.

While it is thus a source of great pleasure to contemplate the success of the cause of Odd Fellowship in England, it is not the less gratifying to survey its continuing prosperity in nearly every quarter of our own jurisdiction. To present a detail of its condition at home, being more especially my duty, I proceed to recount our immediate operations during the past year. In the exercise of the authority with which the Grand Sire has been clothed, by law, I have caused dispensations to be issued for the organization of Grand and subordinate Lodges and Encampments, during the vacation of the Grand Lodge, and acting under the salutary example set by my immediate predecessor, I have in no instance exercised the power, except with great caution and after diligent inquiry into the character and qualifications of the applicants.

Conformably to the resolution passed at the last session, granting the petition of Quinipiac Lodge, No. 1, Charter Oak Lodge, No. 2, and Middlesex Lodge, No. 3, of the state of Connecticut, to form a Grand Lodge, to be located at the city of New Haven, in that state, a Grand Charter was issued, and P. G. M. John A. Kennedy, of New York, was entrusted with a deputation to open and constitute said Lodge, on the fifteenth day of November last. Early in the following month, I had the pleasure to receive from that worthy brother, a return of the deputation, accompanied with an interesting report of the very flattering auspices un-

der which he had instituted the Grand Lodge of Connecticut. To use the emphatic language of the report, "the improvement of the Order in Connecticut has been as rapid as diffusive, the number of Odd Fellows having increased from five, at its beginning, to three hundred." Three subordinate lodges, with a Grand Lodge to supervise this work, are now co-operating in that state to spread the principles of our beloved Order. I caused, as directed, a new charter also to be issued to Merrimack Lodge, No. 7, in the state of Massachusetts, in lieu of the one represented to have been destroyed by fire; this document was delivered to P. G. Sire Thomas Wildey, who, under a former order of the Grand Lodge, was charged with a visitation to that section of the country. Having received no official report from that brother upon this subject, I presume it his intention to present an account of his mission directly to you, at your present session.

On the first day of March, 1841, petitions were received from Lone Star Lodge, No. 1, Harmony Lodge, No. 2, and Galveston Lodge, No. 3, all of the republic of Texas, praying for a charter for a Grand Lodge, subject to this jurisdiction. The petitions being in strict conformity with Article IX, of the Laws, and testimonials as to the character of the applicants entirely satisfactory, the Grand Sire authorized a dispensation on the 12th day of March, 1841, and further directed a deputation to P. G. M., J. DeCordova, of Galveston, to open and constitute the same as the Grand Lodge of the republic of Texas, to be located at the city of Houston. I regret to say that no return of the deputation has as yet been received.—From the high character of P. G. M. DeCordova, and the great confidence reposed in him by the fraternity at New Orleans, the Grand Sire entertains no doubts of the trustworthiness of the Deputy, and is disposed to attribute his failure to report, to causes not within his control.

On the 22d day of March last, a dispensation was authorized, upon the proper and formal application of a constitutional number of brethren residing at Black Creek, East Florida, to form a subordinate lodge in that territory, and a special deputation was issued to P. G. Daniel Parkhurst whose character in the Order was fully vouched for by the Grand Lodge of New York, to open and constitute said lodge, to be hailed by the name and style of "Florida Lodge, No. 1," in the territory of East Florida.—Brother Parkhurst has made a due return of the opening of the lodge, and presents a glowing account of the prosperous condition of the Order in this distant region of country.

In granting this dispensation, the Grand Sire felt himself at great difficulty, and yielded his objections only to the earnest solicitations of the brethren concerned, who appeared so zealous in the cause of the Order, and so anxious to establish the lodge, that he was induced to confide entirely in their representations, having no evidence before him, excepting in the case of brother Parkhurst, of New York, that the petitioners were in good standing; trusting entirely to the representations made in the petition, that they had all regular cards, and having received from the Grand Lodge of New York, information that brother Parkhurst was in regular standing, the Grand Sire, in view of all the circumstances, ventured to entrust the deputation to brother Parkhurst, with a strict injunction, however, not to constitute the lodge unless satisfied that the petitioners were all as represented, duly qualified. What constitutes the evidence of "good

standing" in the language of the first article of the By-Laws, it is difficult to ascertain. It is true that it has been the practice to require the cards of the applicants to accompany the petition; but as such a compliance would by no means entirely protect the Grand Lodge from imposition, if it were designed, it is suggested that some definite regulation be adopted on the subject.

On the same day, a dispensation was also authorized upon the proper application of five brethren of Weldon, in the state of North Carolina, to form a lodge in that place; accompanying this application, a letter was received from P. G. M. Bain, late Representative of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, bearing testimony of the entire qualification of all the petitioners, and recommending the grant of their request. A special deputation was accordingly issued to P. G. M. Bain, authorizing him to open and constitute said lodge, to be hailed by the name and style of "Weldon Lodge, No. 1," to be located at the town of Weldon, county of Halifax, and state of North Carolina. No special instructions were given to the deputation, the Grand Sire considering it fortunate for the Grand Lodge, that so able and distinguished a brother was found willing to give to the Order, the benefit of his services on this occasion. A special dispensation as prayed for, was issued on the 12th day of May, 1841, upon the application of brother John H. Honour and others, for a subordinate lodge, to be known by the name and style of "Marion Lodge, No. 2," to be located at Charleston, in the state of South Carolina. This application was in strict conformity to the regulations of the Grand Lodge, and the character of the applicants satisfactorily vouched for by South Carolina Lodge, No. 1, located in the same city, a lodge under this jurisdiction in good standing, and efficiently engaged in the Work of the Order—a certified copy of the recommendations and resolutions of that lodge, in behalf of the applicants, is herewith presented. P. G. Thomas Greer Clayton being recommended as a suitable individual to entrust with the opening of Marion Lodge, a deputation was accordingly transmitted to him to that end, and accompanied with specific instructions, enjoining the necessity of a return of his deputation before your Annual Session; and it affords me great pleasure to inform you, that the duty with which brother Clayton was charged, has been most promptly performed, to the delight and satisfaction of the fraternity in Charleston—his return is herewith presented.

On the 16th day of May last, an application was received from the D. Grand Master of Virginia and other members of the Order, praying for a charter to open and constitute an Encampment of Patriarchs, under this jurisdiction, at Lynchburg, in that state. The high character of the applicants appearing to the Grand Sire abundantly vouched for by the D. Grand Master of the state, and the application conforming in all respects to law, a dispensation was accordingly issued pursuant to their request, and a deputation transmitted to brother P. G. George J. Roach, of Richmond, to open and constitute Virginia Encampment, No. 8, to be located at Lynchburg, in the state of Virginia; thus making eight Encampments of Patriarchs in that state—all of which, it is believed, are in successful work.

Upon the application of Tennessee Lodge, No. 1, and Nashville Lodge, No. 2, in the state of Tennessee, praying for the institution of a Grand Lodge in that state, a dispensation was issued as prayed for, on the 24th

July last, directed to brother P. G. C. C. Trabue, authorizing him to open and duly organize the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, at the city of Nashville. Brother Trabue, with great promptness, has discharged the duty entrusted to him, and his return, herewith submitted, will inform the Grand Lodge of the brilliant prospects of our Order in that enlightened state.

Early in the month of August last, an application in due form of law, was received from several Patriarchs, for a dispensation to open an Encampment in the state of Connecticut, at the city of New Haven, to be styled "Sassacas Encampment, No. 1." This petition was accompanied with a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of Mt. Sinai Encampment, of the state of New York, highly commendatory of the character of the applicants. The Grand Sire did not hesitate to authorize the dispensation prayed for, and, at the request of the applicants, directed a deputation to constitute said Encampment, to be transmitted to P. C. P's John G. Treadwell and William Y. Clark, of the city of New York, whose return and report, accompanying this communication, furnishes the most gratifying account of the Order in Connecticut, and evidence of the deep interest taken by the deputation on the business of Odd Fellowship, in their readiness to serve the Grand Lodge of the United States. A second application was very shortly after the return just referred to, made from the same state, for the formation of an Encampment of Patriarchs, No. 2, to be located at the town of East Haddam, and county of Middlesex, to be hailed by the style and title of "Oriental Encampment, No. 2." The petition being in due form, and from qualified brethren, vouched for by an official resolution of Sassacas Encampment, No. 1, of the state of Connecticut, a warrant was issued, with a deputation addressed to P. G. M. John A. Kennedy, of New York, authorizing the instituting of Oriental Encampment, No. 2, of the state of Connecticut, at East Haddam. The return of brother P. G. M. Kennedy, of the opening of said Encampment, has been received, and accompanies this report.

On the 2d of September instant, the Grand Sire had the pleasure of receiving an official application from South Carolina Lodge, No. 1, and Marion Lodge, No. 2, of Charleston, in the state of South Carolina, desiring a warrant for the organization of a Grand Lodge in that state. This request in all respects conforming to law, the dispensation prayed for was issued, and P. G. M. George M. Bain, of Virginia, deputed to proceed to the city of Charleston, to institute the Grand Lodge of South Carolina. It is a source of regret to the Grand Sire to report, that a letter has been received from brother Bain, declining, on account of pressing prior engagements, the performance of the duty requested of him, and that accordingly this Grand Lodge has not been yet opened.

These dispensations were all granted, subject to the approbation of the Grand Lodge of the United States, at its present session, and the returns of the deputation in each case are herewith submitted, that you may determine whether charters shall be authorized. I am happy to be able to inform the Grand Lodge, that so far as information has reached me, every lodge or Encampment instituted during the recess, is in the most prosperous condition at the present time; and from the prospect afforded by the zeal and enthusiasm which animates the brethren in the states where Odd Fellowship has been but recently introduced, I am confident that they will

very soon vie with the oldest states in the strength, number and respectability of their lodges. In reviewing the condition of Odd Fellowship in the United States, it will be observed that in Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Mississippi, Missouri, Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio, District of Columbia, Florida, and Wisconsin, its career is progressive and prosperous; while in Louisiana, Arkansas, Illinois, and Indiana, it has had difficulties to contend with, and requires your fostering care and earnest attention.

It is made the duty of the Grand Sire "*to exercise a general superintendence over the interests of the Order during the recess.*" Under this authority, it has been the practice of my predecessors, with the approbation of the Grand Lodge, to counsel the fraternity whenever consulted upon the work, organic laws, and ancient usages and customs in the several departments of the Order. Distrustful of my capacity in so delicate and important a function, I have called to my aid upon all questions of interest submitted to my decision, the better experience and learning of such of the P. Grand Sires and Officers as have been at hand, and the opinions expressed are here given in the hope, that what has been done, may meet your approbation.

The first and most important question upon which this department was asked for instruction, came up from the state of Pennsylvania. In the month of November last, I received an official communication from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, of the following tenor: "*Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will relinquish all jurisdiction over Encampments in this state, to the Grand Lodge of the United States.*" Simultaneous with the reception of this document, application was made, informally, by many individual patriarchs of that state, for instruction as to what steps were necessary to be taken on the part of the Patriarchal Order of Pennsylvania, to effect the object contemplated in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge. At first blush, the whole subject appeared to be of simple character, and of easy adjustment, conformably to the wishes of the patriarchs of the state, as understood to be then expressed. It was desired that the Grand Encampment should, *as such*, be at once received under your jurisdiction, and that the transition from one relation to the other might be effected without disturbing in any manner the Patriarchal Order as constituted in Pennsylvania. This wish was acceded to, and the Grand Sire having directed as a preliminary measure, that the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania should formally accept the surrender of jurisdiction, tendered in the resolution of the state Grand Lodge, had determined to issue a general dispensation to the Grand Encampment to work under the Grand Lodge of the United States. Upon more mature reflection and consultation, however, and after an examination of the Constitution and laws, the Grand Sire re-considered and recalled the direction given in the premises, from a conviction that he could not rightfully pursue the course which he had in contemplation. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, (by what proper authority it is not now important to inquire,) had created the Grand Encampment of that state, and exercised undisputed jurisdiction over that branch of the Order, which jurisdiction, by a formal public act, it had determined to renounce to the Grand Lodge of the United

States. The Grand Encampment, under my advice, had by an equally formal and public act, assented as a party to the contract embodied in their charter, to this transfer of their subordinate relation; and to consummate, legitimately, the vacation of their charter from Pennsylvania, it required the further act of the Grand Lodge of the United States. To accomplish the desirable end of producing the entire subordination of the Patriarchal Order in the United States to your jurisdiction, was a subject of great solicitude to the Grand Sire; but in view of Article IV, of the law, which prescribes the *only mode* by which the Grand Lodge of the United States can become possessed of jurisdiction over the Encampments of any state, it was apparent to me that there was no means of attaining so important an object during the recess, and I accordingly recommended a continuance of existing relations in the Patriarchal Order in that state, until your Annual Session. It appears to the Grand Sire, that it is only now necessary for the Grand Lodge of the United States to formally accept the surrender made by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, to possess itself of the jurisdiction in question, and thus to rid the Order of the anomaly heretofore presented, of the independence of the Encampments of Pennsylvania of this body.

The condition of the Order in the state of Illinois was presented to my earnest consideration, by the distinguished brother appointed as D. Grand Sire for the North Western states. Inasmuch as a particular report will be made by the Corresponding Secretary upon this subject, the Grand Sire deems it only proper to state the advice which has been given and promptly followed by our brethren in that state. The D. Grand Sire, (P. G. M. Potts) having received the most satisfactory information that the Grand Lodge of the state, which had previously assembled at Alton, had become virtually dissolved, by the neglect of its members, and feeling the deepest solicitude for the preservation of such of the subordinate lodges in the state as were in prosperous circumstances, and attentively engaged in the work of the Order, addressed a communication to this department, inquiring what disposition should be made of the per centum then due, and to become due, from Wilkey Lodge, at Galena, which was able and willing to pay to the proper authority to receive it. The jurisdiction over the subordinate lodges necessarily reverting to the Grand Lodge of the United States, under those circumstances, the per centum, as a matter of course, became due to that body; but inasmuch as there was no doubt whatever of the re-organization of the state Grand Lodge at some other point in the state, I directed that the subordinate lodges should withhold their dues, to await your action in the premises. This instruction was given under a conviction that the interests of the Order would be much more promoted by inciting the fraternity in that state to a revival of this Grand Lodge, than by enforcing a return to your jurisdiction.

The condition of the Patriarchal Order in Louisiana, and my advice and opinion in relation thereto, is herewith submitted.

Wilkey Encampment, No. 1, located in the city of New Orleans, had from various causes, ceased to assemble, and upon the meeting of a few of its members to consult together as to the means of reviving its functions, a bare quorum (being seven patriarchs,) were found willing to re-organize that body. These patriarchs assembled in Encampment, elected officers, and proceeded to transact business. After a few meetings, it was officially

ascertained that two of the number had ceased to be contributing members of subordinate lodges, and therefore, were from that fact, not qualified to sit in the Encampment.

The question occurred whether a less number than a quorum could legally continue the functions of the Encampment. The Grand Sire, looking to the important consequences to result from his opinion, should it be adverse to the wishes of the five remaining patriarchs, inasmuch as it would work a dissolution of the body, gave to the subject his most earnest consideration, and however injurious to the Patriarchal Order in that state, the result of his reflections upon the question submitted, yet, in his judgment, a high sense of his duty and obligations to the Constitution and laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, compelled him to determine, that under Article II, of the laws, which contemplated the being of seven patriarchs as essential to the formation of an Encampment, he could not doubt that the attempt to exist or transact business with a less number would be clearly against the laws of the Order, and he accordingly recommended that an effort be made to induce a re-instatement of the delinquent patriarchs in their respective subordinate lodges, as the only legitimate means of preserving the legal existence of Wildey Encampment.

The state of the Order in Louisiana has filled the Grand Sire with great anxiety for its preservation, from the combined difficulties and prejudices with which it is now contending. During the past year, it has fallen rapidly from the elevated rank among the states, which it formerly occupied. From neglect in attendance upon lodge duties, and internal dissensions, the subordinate lodges failed to support themselves, and it became necessary as a means of preserving the Order, that the lodges in New Orleans, by reason of the fewness of their numbers, should combine and constitute of the whole one lodge. This course was adopted successfully, and the lodge set about the discharge of heavy debts which had been contracted, and with renewed efforts and bright hopes, the brotherhood were continuing the work of the Order in New Orleans, when a fierce and angry war of extermination against Odd Fellowship, was proclaimed by the Masonic Order of Louisiana.

Under what delusion, to what possible end, or with what hopes or expectations, this impious array of Masonry in that state has been gotten up, it is difficult to determine, especially as in all other sections of the country, Odd Fellows and Free Masons are to be found hand in hand, as citizens and friends, mutually respecting and esteeming each other, and venerating the high and heavenly principles which both Institutions alike proclaim.

Our brethren in that state have invoked your aid, and I most earnestly call upon you to adopt such legislation in the premises, as may be necessary to vindicate the integrity of the Order in the state of Louisiana.

It has thus become my painful duty to apprise the Representatives of the decay of our beloved Order in Louisiana, which will be a source of unfeigned sorrow to you all, amid the universally progressive advancement of its principles throughout the world. There is, however, notwithstanding the gloom which overhangs Odd Fellowship in that state, a gallant band of chosen spirits left to preserve and perpetuate its principles, who have assembled and worked despite of persecutions, and whose efforts it will be your duty to cherish and foster.

The period having arrived under the Constitution, which limits the tenure of my office, I beg leave at the close of my official career to return to the Representatives of the states, my thanks for the kind and zealous manner in which they have co-operated with me in the promotion of the welfare of our Order; and, in conclusion, to invoke the further aid of Him "who holds all things in the hollow of his hand," for the continuance of that measure of prosperity with which he has heretofore blessed our labors.

ZENAS B. GLAZIER.

Baltimore, Sept. 20th, 1841.

The Grand Corresponding Secretary presented the following, being his Annual Report, which was read.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The undersigned, pursuant to the resolution defining his duty, begs leave very respectfully to submit his Annual Report. Immediately after the adjournment of the last session, official copies of the following proceedings, as directed, were transmitted to each of the state Grand Lodges, Encampments and subordinate lodges under your immediate jurisdiction.

Resolved, That the several Grand Lodges under this jurisdiction appointing Proxy Representatives, be and are hereby directed to leave the certificates of such Proxy Representatives, together with their annual returns, and their dues thereon, in the hands of the Grand Secretary, at least one month previous to the Annual Communications of this body.

Resolved, That the several Encampments and subordinate lodges working under this jurisdiction, be and are hereby directed to have their annual returns, with the dues thereon, in the hands of the Grand Secretary, at least one month previous to the Annual Communications of this body."

Accompanying these resolutions, a printed copy of the *key* adopted, was distributed to the proper parties authorized to receive the same. An official copy of the order of the last session, requiring Nimrod Encampment, of Ohio, to place itself under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of that state, was duly transmitted, and although no direct communication has as yet been received from that body, responsive to the command of the Grand Lodge of the United States on that subject, I have the pleasure to state, that from information received indirectly, no doubt was entertained by the Grand Encampment of Ohio, in view of the high character, respectability and devotion of the patriarchs in Nimrod Encampment, that a cheerful and implicit obedience has been yielded to your authority.

No time was lost, after the receipt from the Recording Secretary, of the printed journal of the last session, in disseminating it through your entire jurisdiction; the pro rata distribution, apportioning a number of copies equal to double the number of its subordinates to each state, was adhered to, and as far as the undersigned is informed, it is believed that they all reached in safety, their respective places of destination.

The Corresponding Secretary was further directed to forward to each subordinate to this jurisdiction in arrears, "a statement in detail of their respective accounts, and to urge earnestly a prompt liquidation of such arrearages; this duty has been performed, the accounts having been furnished

by the Recording Secretary, who has in charge the books of the Grand Lodge of the United States. In many instances, no acknowledgment whatever has been received of the letters addressed, and in some cases differences are found to exist between the lodges and books of the Recording Secretary, as to the true balances due. Herewith is submitted the entire correspondence on this subject. (Doc. A.)

In compliance with the resolution requiring the Corresponding Secretary "to pay over all moneys received by him in the vacation, for the use of the Grand Lodge, and to report the same, specifying the amount received, from whom received, and for what object," the undersigned submits the following condensed statement of his receipts, all of which have been paid over to the proper officer, and his receipt obtained for the same.

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIVED.

Date.	From whence received.	What purpose.	Am't.
1840.			
Dec. 14	Tennessee Lodge, No. 1, - - - -	10 per cent to Dec. 1	\$10 00
" 29	Nashville Lodge, No. 2, - - - -	do. " " "	10 00
1841.			
Jan. 24	Abram's Encampment, Va., - - - -	Arrearages, -	15 00
Feb. 2	Vicksburgh Encampment, Miss., - -	Dues to Nov. 1840,	94 00
" 4	Florida Lodge, No. 1, - - - -	Charter, -	30 00
Mar. 10	Republic of Texas, - - - -	Charter, -	30 00
" 21	North Carolina, Weldon Lodge, No. 1. -	Charter, -	30 00
" 25	Tennessee Lodge, No. 1, - - - -	Dues to March 1,	14 00
May 11	S. Carolina, Marion Lodge, No. 2, -	Charter, -	30 00
" 16	Lynchburg, Virginia Encampment, No. 8,	Charter, -	30 00
June 1	Nashville Lodge, No. 2, Tennessee, -	Dues to March 1,	15 00
July 22	Tennessee, - - - -	G. Lodge Charter,	30 00
" 30	Tennessee Lodge, No. 1, - - - -	Dues in full, -	25 00
Aug. 21	Connecticut, Sassacas Encampment, -	Charter, -	30 00
" 23	Louisiana Grand Lodge, - - - -	Dues, -	30 00
" 24	South Carolina Lodge, Charleston, -	Dues three quarters,	45 77
" 25	Iowa Lodge, Mineral Point, - - - -	Dues, -	25 00
Sept. 1	Connecticut, Oriental Encampment, -	Charter, -	30 00
Sept. 2	Missouri Grand Lodge, - - - -	Dues, -	20 00
" 9	District Columbia, Marley Encampment,	Dues, -	29 26
" 6	Grand Lodge Indiana, - - - -	Dues, -	40 00
" 6	South Carolina Grand Lodge, - - - -	Charter, -	30 00
" 13	South Carolina, Marion Lodge, - - -	Dues in full, -	69 25

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Having thus rapidly recapitulated the duties required to be performed at your last session, the undersigned will now proceed to detail such correspondence as has been had during the past year, which he deems interesting and important for your consideration.

ENGLISH CORRESPONDENCE.

Under the direction of the Grand Sire, and conformably to the wish of the Grand Lodge, heretofore frequently expressed, I availed myself of the very favorable opportunity presented by the visitation of brother Darby, of Cincinnati, to the city of Manchester, of addressing a congratulatory letter to the Grand Master and Board of Directors of the Manchester Unity. I had the pleasure, on the 20th April last, to receive, by the return of brother Darby to this country, an answer to my letter from William Ratcliffe, Corresponding Secretary of the Order in Great Britain. That letter, herewith submitted, (Doc. B.) abounds with the most affectionate expres-

sions of regard for the interest and prosperity of the Order in America, and most earnestly requests a more frequently epistolary intercourse. Accompanying this communication, was received a valuable package containing the minutes of the proceedings of the A. M. C., which assembled at York, in 1840; the General Laws of the Order; a list of the lodges composing the Manchester Unity, and several copies of the Magazine, being a continuation of the series heretofore received from the Board of Directors of England—all of which are herewith presented.

Cordially reciprocating, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of the United States, the warm and sincere spirit which appeared to pervade the letter of brother William Ratcliffe, Corresponding Secretary of England, toward the Order in the United States, and another very favorable opportunity in the embarkation of brother Pooley, Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge of New York, for England, supervening, I addressed the subjoined letter to the Manchester Unity, in the hope that it would arrive out in sufficient time to be laid before the A. M. C., to assemble at the Isle of Man, on 31st May, 1841.

"I. O. O. F.

THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

To the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Board of Directors of the Manchester Unity, and brethren of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in England—Greeting:

WELL BELOVED BRETHREN—

The undersigned, charged, by appointment, with the general correspondence of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., takes occasion to address you on behalf of that body, upon the interesting concerns of our common Order. He ventures to hope that some account of the condition of Odd Fellowship in America may not prove uninteresting to the brethren in England, especially as the narrative of its progress in this hemisphere, while it is cheering to the Grand Lodge of the United States, is alike honorable to the Order in England—the great parent of our Institution in America.

He congratulates you upon the prosperous condition of Odd Fellowship in England, and takes great pleasure in informing you that its march is still onward in this great republic. Odd Fellowship in America, not unlike the government under which we live, has had to encounter many and very formidable obstacles in its origin, its organization, and its progress to usefulness as a benevolent and moral institution.—After the example of our forefathers, the pioneers in this hemisphere, have the early votaries of Odd Fellowship battled its way despite of public disfavor, until the Order has assumed its proper and deserved rank among the humane Institutions of our country. That victory, long doubtful, has been ultimately achieved within a very few years past, and has been mainly accomplished by directing its energies exclusively to its professed objects, namely, the relief of the distressed, the succor of the widow, and the education of the orphan. To promote so laudable an end, it became necessary at once to sever from the Order original practices coeval with its existence in America, which were offensive to the moral sense of a virtuous people. Thence the name of an Odd Fellow, once a reproach, ceased to be an obloquy to the citizen; and a society originally composed of the humblest of our fellow men, soon numbered in its ranks, from among all classes of our people, the choicest citizens of the nation. Continuing under such auspices, it is not a matter of surprise that Odd Fellowship in America, known and appreciated as a purely philanthropic and strictly moral institution, has attained so rapid a growth, and that its advance in respectability has been so eminently successful. No attempt will be made in this place to recount its length and breadth in this country, inasmuch as the official communications which have been transmitted will furnish that interesting detail. Its condition here is truly gratifying to the heart of every Odd Fellow. Its success approximates comparatively to the brilliant career of our national character as a people, and it seems to be a plant peculiarly cherished under our form of government.

You will recollect that in less than three-fourths of a century since the organization of the American federal system, that from thirteen, twenty-six states have been formed, and the aggregate population of these states has reached twenty millions.—It is also a matter of very modern history, that our principal city, New York, with its three hundred and eighty thousand inhabitants, already outranks every city on the European continent, excepting London, Paris and Constantinople. In the same comparative ratio has Odd Fellowship progressed in a shorter period than twelve years since the first impulse was given to its march. From a beginning extremely limited, it struggled in obscurity until the year 1830, when rising above the difficulties which had encompassed its youth, it rapidly and astonishingly worked out its own way to character, by the inherent influence of its own moral power. The greatest obstacle which interposed itself, for many years, to the spread of Odd Fellowship, was the fact, that from the place of the assemblage of its lodges, and the convivial practices indulged in at lodge meetings, an opinion universally obtained in the community that it was a mere merry-making concern; and however it proclaimed itself as a humane charitable institution, it was believed that such a title to public approbation was hypocritically put on, for the purpose of cloaking practices, which, if acknowledged, would be sternly rebuked by public opinion. As such an impression for a long time cast Odd Fellowship, in this country, into disrepute and opprobrium, so from the moment of the removal of the cause, was a corresponding opposite disposition evinced towards it by our people. A spirit of inquiry into the principles of the Order at once prevailed, and happily produced the conviction, that it contained within itself elements of great good, and could not fail, when disencumbered of such obnoxious features, to attain to a degree of moral excellence which would crowd to its lodge rooms the best and purest citizens of the republic. This, my brethren, so much to be desired result has been more than realized, and the proud satisfaction is now enjoyed by us in America, of witnessing as the fruit of our efforts in this reform, a spectacle at once imposing and sublime. There scarcely exists in the vastly wide spreading territorial limits of America, a single state or district where the votaries of Odd Fellowship are not to be found—every where, from the extreme northwestern boundary to the southernmost point of the republic, and from the very shores of its Atlantic coast to the furthestmost region of the father of its rivers, the great Mississippi, are the temples of our Order rising to the skies, dedicated to the cause of suffering humanity. Such is the picture of Odd Fellowship in the United States, and under its existing auspices it is destined, at no distant day, we fondly anticipate, to afford relief to a greater amount of individual suffering than any other kindred association of equal resources in this country. Its great moral influence is felt and appreciated by the fraternity in the integrity of character which it inculcates, and the rigid adherence which it exacts in all the relations of life to the practice of those virtues which adorn and dignify man. When such, its highest and holiest motive shall cease to animate the Order in America, its epitaph will have been written as an institution deserving to claim no public consideration or concern whatever. No such fear however alarms us; but moving onward in silent and unobtrusive zeal in the promotion of its real purposes, with these cardinal principles ever in review, its future greatness and influence upon man's social and moral condition none can pretend to portray. Our career, be it with all deference spoken, affords an example not unworthy your imitation, and by regarding the results accomplished in America, at the simple cost of discarding conviviality as a feature in Odd Fellowship, utterly at war with the respectability, dignity, and consequent usefulness of the institution, a lesson may be taught, we trust, not entirely unprofitable to the brotherhood in England. These suggestions have been made in no spirit of complaint, but are affectionately submitted to the calm and dispassionate reflection of the Manchester Unity, in the ardent hope that they may lead to a reform in the Order in England which will tend to give a renewed vigor to its energies, enhance its weight of character, augment its influence, enlarge its sphere of action, and promote, as inseparably blended in one common interest, the welfare of the Order in Europe and America.

Having said thus much in relation to the condition of our Order in this country, and very respectfully commended to your imitation the means employed in producing so gratifying a result, I beg leave to invite your attention to a topic extremely interesting to the brotherhood here, and about which a very considerable degree of solicitude and curiosity prevails—I refer to the real origin of Odd Fellowship. In the year 1837, pursuant to a resolution adopted with great unanimity by the Grand Lodge of the United States, the undersigned, as chairman of a committee, was di-

rected to open a correspondence with the Manchester Unity on this subject. An interchange of communications accordingly took place, and the information conveyed from your Board, being but a literal repetition believed to have no foundation in historical truth, greatly disappointed our expectations. Let me again recur to this subject—in doing so, I will premise the application now made, in the same language employed on the former occasion, “by earnestly requesting, however lowly may have been its beginning,” a full, candid and unvarnished account of the origin and early history of the Order in England. Your archives will doubtless furnish this desirable information. We care not what Odd Fellowship originally was, nor however humble may have been the occupations, or limited the pretensions of they who first hid it into existence. We know what it now is in America, and the greater the contrast the more eminently honorable will be our rank among the benevolent Orders of the earth. Many and various have been the traditional accounts of its rise, derived from time to time, from brethren who have arrived among us. In no instance, however, known to the undersigned, has a statement been made sufficiently authentic to entitle it to any reasonable degree of confidence. It is believed by some, that the Order has existed certainly more than a century; that the London or Union Order is the great generic, from which the Manchester Unity or Independent Order seceded in 1809, both of which with probably a third, are now practised in England, under a separate and distinct organization. You will not be surprised, that this subject should be interesting to your brethren across the Atlantic, and we therefore indulge the hope that you will unhesitatingly respond to the inquiry now made. If the Order was originally one and undivided, it would be gratifying to us to know when it became severed, the causes which led to the separation, and whether the reasons of the division are of so grave a character as to shut out all hope of resolving the whole into one great original, animated by one principle, producing one work, one language and universality throughout the globe. Such a result, if attainable, would constitute a jubilee in Odd Fellowship.

In conclusion, it is proper to advise you that in consequence of the changes made in the work in England, there is a great difficulty encountered by your visiting brethren in this country. What necessity, if any, led to such important alterations in Great Britain, we have never had the good fortune to learn; we respectfully ask to be informed the extent of these changes in the work, and the circumstances under which they have been made. It will be obvious, that unless great uniformity is maintained in this particular, our members will be respectively excluded from each other's lodge rooms, and one of the brightest characteristics of the Order, to wit: its faculty of succoring a distressed brother in a strange land, will be frequently unexercised by reason of the difficulty of understanding “that peculiar language” by which Odd Fellows should be readily known in every clime throughout the habitable earth.

This letter has proved protractive—the undersigned trusts however, that the great importance of the topics referred to in so desultory a manner may serve as its apology.

Your brother, in Friendship, Love and Truth,

JAMES L. RIDGELY,

G. Cor. Sec'y of the R. W. G. L. U. S., I. O. O. F.

To this letter, written, as has been intimated, in a spirit of brotherly love and affection, no answer whatever has been received. It was transmitted by brother Pooley to the office of the Grand Secretary in Manchester, and the parties apprised of his intention very shortly to return to the United States. The undersigned would have been at a loss to determine what reasons had produced so sudden and abrupt a change in the feelings of our brethren in England towards us, but for the light shed upon the subject in the proceedings of the A. M. C., which assembled at the Isle of Man, on 31st May, the 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5th days of June, 1841. For a copy of this journal, herewith presented, the Grand Lodge is indebted to the politeness of brother P. G. M. John A. Kennedy, of New York. The following proceedings will be found on page 8, of the minutes referred to.

“Resolved II. We perceive from the American correspondence, that brothers arriving in that country, labor under great disadvantages, and can seldom if ever, avail
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themselves of the benefits of Odd Fellowship in American lodges as at present constituted. We consider it advisable that the Board of Directors be empowered either to open lodges, or to take such other steps as may seem to them better calculated to carry out the principles of our Institution."

This proceeding was submitted by a sub-committee, in the nature of a report to the A. M. C., on the 2d day of June, 1841, and adopted by that body in the following form.

"Resolved, That in accordance with the second resolution of the sub-committee, the G. M. and Board of Directors, communicate to the next Conference of the United States, that unless arrangements be made in America previous to the next A. M. C., so as to treat members arriving from England in the true spirit of Odd Fellowship, the Directors will be under the necessity of making such arrangements, for the interest and comfort of the members of the Independent Order now in America, as may seem to them most proper."

These proceedings explain, beyond doubt, the cause which induced the Manchester Unity to arrest the correspondence with this country. It seems strange that any thing in the letter of the undersigned could, by possibility, be tortured into an interposition of obstacles to the admission of properly qualified Odd Fellows from England, into our lodges, or a forbearance on our part, "to treat in the true spirit of Odd Fellowship, members arriving from Great Britain." It is true that some difficulty is suggested in my letter in their obtaining admission in our lodges by reason of the changes which have been made in England from the ancient work, and an earnest appeal is made to reproduce uniformity in this essential particular, in the Order, throughout the world, but the undersigned has not been able to perceive that any sentiment has been expressed, in the slightest degree calculated to warrant what appears to him to be the gratuitous conclusions of the resolution of the A. M. C. of England. It may not be deemed entirely digressive from the true line of my duty, to recur to a part of the legislation of the Grand Lodge of the United States, on the particular subject of grievance complained of in England, as perhaps furnishing additional ground for the feeling manifested in that country in the premises, and to some extent it may be added, perhaps, that our own unstable and changeful action upon this very subject, may be regarded as somewhat extenuative of the temper displayed in the proceedings of the last Annual Moveable Committee at York.

At the session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, of 1839, a plan was adopted by which an annual P. W. was agreed to be reciprocally exchanged between the two countries, as the certain means of insuring the admission of travelling brethren in the lodges, respectively subordinate to each jurisdiction, without further requisition as to qualification in the Work of the Order. The expediency of this plan was considered in England and formally concurred in, and notice of which was transmitted to all the lodges in the Unity, together with the American P. W. which had been sent out; and instructions were also given to admit all American brethren without further examination, who were in possession of the P. W., into their various lodges. This arrangement, which promised to a great extent, to remove every obstacle to the harmony and union so desirable between the two countries, after having been entered into in good faith by the Manchester Unity, and considered as the settled basis of mutual regulation between the two countries, was abrogated by the Grand Lodge of the United States, at the very next session after its passage, by the

adoption of the following report, presented by the Committee on the Work of the Order, to wit:

"That no individual claiming to be admitted to visit, or deposite his card in a lodge of these United States, shall be so admitted, unless he shall present a regular card, signed by the N. G., attested by the Secretary, under the seal of the lodge; and that the same be attested by the signature of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge; or if in England, by the Grand Secretary of the A. M. C.; and unless he shall be able to work his way by the regular S. P. To. and-G. known to the Order."

That part of this law was modified at the ensuing session, which required the counter signature of the Grand Secretary; but the predominant principle of the law, restricting the previously determined practice in relation to the arrangement with England, as to travelling brethren, was specifically enacted in the following language.

"Resolved, That no individual claiming to visit or deposite his card in a lodge of these United States, shall be so admitted, unless he present a regular card signed by the N. G., and attested by the Secretary, under the seal of the Lodge, and the name of the individual holding said card be endorsed thereon in his own proper handwriting."

In view of the very great disappointment and derangement in their plans, which this change from the original understanding had with the Manchester Unity by the Grand Lodge of the United States on this subject, no doubt produced, and it is not improbable that here was the exciting cause of the feeling manifested in the resolution referred to, more especially when it is considered that the existing law of the Grand Lodge of the United States virtually excludes their members from our lodges, since no English brother versed only in their work as now in force, could by possibility "work his way" into any American lodge of Odd Fellows. The true cause of the whole difficulty, and the fruitful source of much evil to the whole Order, is attributable to the great error committed in England, of altering the work, and unless they and we agree to conform to each others work, there can be no hope of the universality of Odd Fellowship, as one and the same Order throughout the earth. The suggestion of exerting their authority to regulate or control Odd Fellowship in America, will be regarded here as it deserves to be, as idle and nugatory. The Manchester Unity can surely not be ignorant of the fact, that the Grand Lodge of the United States, by virtue of their own grant, is independent of that body, and of all other bodies upon the face of the earth, in the affairs of Odd Fellowship in America, and occupying such a position, must regard the pretensions set up in England in the proceedings of the A. M. C., and the tone and temper of their resolutions, as rather the ebullition of feeling than the serious determinations of that body in the premises. It is respectfully suggested that the interest of the Order would be promoted by a re-enactment of the law of 1839, on this subject, if the Grand Lodge should not deem the proceedings of the Manchester Unity of such a character as to preclude any further legislation on the subject, until the same shall have been rescinded and withdrawn.

The unprecedented prosperity of the Order in England will be a subject of lively gratification to the Representatives, and it is hoped, may incite our brethren to active emulation. The Manchester Unity now numbers two thousand six hundred lodges in strict compliance, embracing one hundred and eighty thousand members. A detailed statement of the place, and time of meeting of each lodge in England, accompanies this report.

HOME CORRESPONDENCE.

For the purpose of presenting a perspicuous and condensed view of the condition of the Order under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, as developed from the correspondence of the past year, the undersigned will proceed to detail the same by states, in the order of their geographical position.

MASSACHUSETTS.—From this state no letter whatever has been received, nor report from the brother deputized to restore a charter to the Merrimack Lodge, in lieu of the one destroyed by fire.

CONNECTICUT.—Odd Fellowship in Connecticut, during the past year, has had a season of unexampled prosperity. Early after the close of the last session, the Grand Lodge was duly constituted by P. G. M. J. A. Kennedy, of New York, since when two Encampments of Patriarchs have been formed under dispensation, the one located at New Haven, and the other at East Haddam, in that state.

NEW YORK.—The Order in the state of New York has increased so rapidly, that the Grand Lodge found it necessary, during the past year, to defer many applications for new lodges. It is emphatically "*the Empire State in Odd Fellowship.*"

NEW JERSEY.—No correspondence of any interest has been had with this state during the recess. The reports of the state Grand Lodge, and Trenton Encampment have been made, and are herewith submitted. The Order, it is believed, is on the increase in New Jersey.

PENNSYLVANIA.—No official correspondence has been had with this state since your last session. The state of the Order in Pennsylvania has always been highly prosperous. An official resolution of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, surrendering jurisdiction over Encampments is herewith presented.

DELAWARE.—Odd Fellowship in Delaware has, for the last two years, been in a declining state, but I have the gratification to report that the lodges have recently been revived, and the Grand Lodge will be duly represented at the present session.

MARYLAND.—This being the seat of the Grand Lodge of the United States, no correspondence is had with this state. It may be proper, however, to observe that Odd Fellowship in Maryland is steadily on the increase.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—Several letters have been addressed by the Corresponding Secretary to the District of Columbia, but he has not had the good fortune to receive any answers. Marley Encampment, No. 2, of Alexandria, has duly reported, which is herewith presented.

VIRGINIA.—I have had the pleasure, during the past year, to receive many communications from this state, all of which represent the Order to be in great prosperity. A dispensation has been issued for the opening of Virginia Encampment, No. 8. to be located at Lynchburg; no return has, however, as yet been received. A remonstrance has been received, and is herewith presented, against the charter for a Grand Encampment for that state.

NORTH CAROLINA.—To our worthy P. G. M. George M. Bain, of Virginia, we are indebted for his valuable services in opening Weldon Lodge, No. 1, in the town of Weldon, North Carolina. This being the first

lodge established in this state, is but in its infancy; ere long, however, I have no doubt of the organization of other lodges.

SOUTH CAROLINA.—It is with the most sincere pleasure that the Corresponding Secretary reports the truly prosperous career of Odd Fellowship in the state of South Carolina. Marion Lodge, No. 2, has been instituted by dispensation, during the past year, and a warrant has been transmitted for the opening of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina; and but for the delay incident upon obtaining a suitable Deputy to repair to Charleston, for the purpose of officiating, that state would, at this session, have been represented in the Grand Lodge of the United States. Due returns have been made from the two lodges in that state.

ALABAMA.—The report of Mobile Lodge, No. 2, has been received, which represents the lodge to be in favorable circumstances. No further returns have been received from that state. Application was made for a dispensation to open "The Brothers Lodge, No. 3," in November, 1840, but a part of the usual tax only was remitted, and the warrant remains unissued from that cause.

MISSISSIPPI.—Correspondence has been had, during the year, with the Grand Lodge of this state, and with several of the subordinate lodges. The Order is progressing, from the accounts received. Vicksburg Encampment, No. 2, has reported since your last session to this office.

LOUISIANA.—The correspondence with the Grand Master and C. P. of this state is especially subinitted to the Grand Lodge, exhibiting a deplorable decay of the Order in Louisiana. It commends itself to your earnest attention. The Grand Lodge has duly reported.

ARKANSAS.—Several letters have been received from this state. The Order, it appears, is not progressing in Arkansas. They solicit instruction, and indulgence by reason of the difficulties of their currency.

MISSOURI.—The report of the Grand Lodge of this state is exhibited, showing the prosperous condition of the Order under its jurisdiction. The Corresponding Secretary is indebted to brother Stewart, of St. Louis, for his prompt attention to the correspondence of this office.

ILLINOIS.—Much correspondence has been had with the brotherhood in this state, during the past year. The Grand Lodge of Illinois, it is believed, is entirely extinct; but through the efforts of several subordinate lodges, applications have been made, and are herewith presented, praying for a change in the location of the state Grand Lodge. This application is approved by D. D. Grand Sire John G. Potts, and is commended to your special consideration.

INDIANA.—The Grand Lodge of Indiana has made her annual report, from which the condition of the Order appears not so flattering as at a former period of time. Some further correspondence has been had with a view to incite activity in the Order, and it is believed will result successfully.

OHIO.—The state of Odd Fellowship in Ohio continues prosperous. Some differences of opinion have existed in the Grand Lodge, in relation to which a correspondence has been had with this office, but inasmuch as the subject will be formally brought to the consideration of the Grand Lodge, the correspondence is herewith presented, without comment.

KENTUCKY.—The Corresponding Secretary has to regret that no communication whatever has been received from Kentucky, during the recess.

In no part of your jurisdiction has the Order heretofore been more prosperous, and the cause of the failure of the Grand Lodge of that state to report is, therefore, the more remarkable.

TENNESSEE.—Since your last session, this state has been added to the number of Grand Lodges in the Union, and the Grand Lodge of Tennessee is now in successful operation. Advice has been transmitted to this office of the election of a Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States. The reports of Tennessee and Nashville Lodges have been regularly made.

IOWA TERRITORY.—The report of Iowa Lodge, No. 1, of Iowa Territory, is herewith submitted. The Order is doing as well as could be expected in that distant region of country.

REPUBLIC OF TEXAS.—A dispensation was issued, upon formal application, for the opening of the Grand Lodge of this Republic; to which no return has yet been made. Regular reports have been received from Galveston Lodge, No. 3, during the year. The Order is represented to be in an improving state; it is suggested that some regulation be made at this session, in relation to the return of the warrant to open the Grand Lodge.

The quarterly proceedings of the Grand Lodges of New York, Connecticut, and Maryland, have been received at this office; also, a valuable suggestion, in the nature of a modification of part of the ceremony of initiation, and an interesting printed circular from New York, being a plan of a contemplated orphan school in that state, which are herewith submitted, (Doc. E.) It is recommended that some regulation be adopted, to bring about interchanges of their printed proceeding between the different state Grand Lodges and the Grand Lodge of the United States.

In conformity to the order adopted, directing the Corresponding Secretary to confer with the proprietor of the Covenant, a periodical devoted to the cause of Odd Fellowship, published in the city of Baltimore, in relation to his proposal to dispose of that work to the Grand Lodge of the United States, and to report to the present session the result of that conference, I beg leave, respectfully, to submit the correspondence had upon that subject, and to invite for it your attentive consideration. (Doc. F.)

Dispensations conformably to law, under the direction of the Grand Sire, have been issued from this office, upon proper and constitutional applications for the same.

FOR GRAND LODGES.

To the republic of Texas, at Galveston.

To the state of Tennessee, at Nashville.

To the state of South Carolina, at Charleston.

FOR SUBORDINATE ENCAMPMENTS.

To the state of Virginia, at Lynchburg, No. 8.

To the state of Connecticut, at New Haven, No. 1.

To the state of Connecticut, at East Haddam, No. 2.

FOR SUBORDINATE LODGES.

To the territory of Florida, at Black Creek, No. 1.

To the state of North Carolina, at Weldon, No. 1.

To the state of South Carolina, at Charleston, No. 2.

Charters have also been issued, as directed at your last session, to the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, and to the subordinate lodge at Lowell, Massachusetts. The various applications, deputations, and official returns are herewith submitted to your consideration, and it will be for the Grand Lodge to determine upon the propriety of authorizing charters to be issued in lieu of the dispensations, under which those lodges and Encampments constituted in the recess, are now working. (Doc. C.)

The legislation of the last session, in relation to a uniform system of regalia, is so ambiguous as to require some further explanatory action by the Grand Lodge; in view of which I have advised the many applicants for information on that subject, to defer till your present session, further proceedings in the matter.

The undersigned having, as he believes, now presented, from his entire correspondence during the recess, all the subjects worthy of your consideration, begs leave, in conclusion, to call your attention to some suggestions having reference to the more convenient discharge of his duties and the interest of the Grand Lodge.

1st.—The Property of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

There is valuable property belonging to the Grand Lodge of the United States, consisting of a large edition of the Work of the Order, in various languages, and also of the Diploma purchased at a very heavy expense, which it is understood is not in the possession of any officer of the Grand Lodge, in consequence of there being no office, or depository belonging to it at the seat of its sessions. It is suggested very respectfully that a place of deposit be obtained, to which (after an inventory of the same shall have been taken,) all the property of the Grand Lodge be transferred. The frequent recourse necessary to be had to this property by the Secretaries, requires that it should be within convenient reach; and its value demands that its custody should be in an officer responsible to the Grand Lodge only.

2d.—Archives of the Order.

There are very many valuable documents connected with the early history of the Order, such as ancient charters, pamphlets, magazines, and record books, which should belong to the Grand Lodge of the United States, now in possession of P. G. Sire Thomas Wildey, as his private property. It is recommended that a resolution be passed, respectfully requesting P. G. Sire Wildey to present such documents to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

In accepting the office of Corresponding Secretary of the Order, the undersigned, without sufficiently considering its paramount importance, or estimating its labors, yielded a reluctant assent. The office once assumed, however, its almost endless labor and toil did not intimidate him from a faithful discharge of its functions. It became apparent to him, at the very threshold of his duties, that it was a place of the highest importance to the Order, that its welfare throughout the jurisdiction, its harmony, uniform action, and general prosperity, was essentially dependant upon a prompt, regular, and courteous attention to the wants and requests of its various departments, as embodied in their correspondence with this office. It has

been his aim to appreciate the responsibility of the trust, and his pleasure most cheerfully to fulfil, to the best of his capacity, the expectation of the Grand Lodge in creating the office. The result is submitted to the Representatives in the hope that it may meet their approbation.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *G. Cor. Secretary.*

Office G. Cor. Secretary, I. O. O. F.,
Baltimore, Sept. 20, 1841.

On motion of Rep. Kennedy, of Delaware, it was

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed, to allot the various subjects referred to in the annual reports of the Grand Sire, and the Grand Corresponding Secretary, to their appropriate committees; and that the reports be printed in pamphlet form for the use of the members.

The Chair named Rep's Kennedy, of Delaware; Ridgely, of Ohio; and Wildey, of Mississippi, as the committee.

On motion of Rep. Leidy, of Pennsylvania, it was

Ordered, That the arrearages of the Grand Lodge of Delaware be remitted.

On motion of Rep. Vn Sickell, of New Jersey, the Grand Lodge adjourned until half past three o'clock, this afternoon.

MONDAY, 3½ o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, the Officers and a due representation.

On motion of Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, the deferred business of the last session was taken up, and referred to a select committee, with instructions to consider the same, and report such subjects as required the action of the Grand Lodge at its present session.

The Chair announced Rep's Hopkins, of Pennsylvania; Bradley, of Connecticut; and Cook, of New York, as the committee.

P. G. Williamson, late Representative of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Maryland, from the committee to whom the subject of preparing an Index of the Journal, and the general arrangement of the Constitution, Rules, and Regulations, with all the amendments thereto, was referred at the last session, with leave to sit during the recess, and to report at the present session, submitted the following report, together with the accompanying documents, being an Index* to the Journal, the Constitution and By-Laws, as amended, and the parliamentary decisions of the Grand Lodge, which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, from the committee on the "Laws, Rules, and Regulations" of the Order, begs leave respectfully to report:

* *Index, &c.*—These documents were appended to the printed minutes of the Session. The Index was well calculated to render aid in referring to the disconnected publications of the Journals of the various Sessions heretofore issued; but it is of no special value to the present edition. The Constitution and By-Laws have undergone very few modifications since, which makes it unnecessary for us to insert them here, and again in the perfect form we design to give them at the close of the Session of 1843.

That he has, to the best of his abilities, performed the duties of his appointment, and the result of his labors is herewith submitted. By a reference to page 277, of the printed proceedings of this Grand Lodge, it will be seen, that a committee was appointed, "with instructions to collect, embody, and prepare a compilation of the Laws, Rules, and Regulations, by which the Order in general should be governed," and report at the next session. The following session found the committee unprepared to report; and (page 298,) the committee was continued, and instructed to report at the next session. At a subsequent period, in that session, Rep. Bain, of Virginia, was excused from serving on said committee, and the undersigned was substituted (page 310.) Thus, the matter appears on the minutes of the Grand Lodge. But those who were present at the last session, will recollect, that the want of an Index to the published proceedings was greatly felt. It was also considered, that a work of this sort could not be done by a committee in concert, without a great and unnecessary loss of time. It was, therefore, proposed to the undersigned to undertake the work of preparing a copious index to the proceedings of this body, and also a compilation and preparation of its Laws, Rules, and Regulations. For this purpose, he was appointed; and it was well understood that such was the intention of this Grand Lodge. But from the mode of proceeding adopted, as recorded in the printed proceedings, the undersigned found himself but a single member of the committee, and not even the chairman of that—and the said committee residing, one in Philadelphia, one in Baltimore, and one in New York. It was manifestly impossible for them to act together in a work requiring such an amount of labor as would be required to carry out the views of this Body. Under these circumstances the undersigned applied to the Grand Corresponding Secretary for instructions in the premises, and by his advice commenced, alone, the performance of the work assigned to the committee. The undersigned has thought this explanation necessary, in order to avoid the imputation of having assumed a responsibility not intended by this Grand Lodge. When this honorable body is informed, that the duty assigned to this committee was a labor of no ordinary magnitude, and that it has incessantly employed the undersigned during a month passed, besides nearly an equal amount of time at different periods during the year, it will be seen, at a glance, that it could not be done in concert by a committee, residing in different and distant cities. The only alternative was, that it should be left undone, or be done by some one of the committee.

Herewith, then, is presented to the Grand Lodge, Doc. No. 1, containing a full and copious index to the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, from A. D. 1827 to 1840, inclusive. Previous to 1827, the proceedings are so brief, and contain so little of importance, that an index was not thought necessary. In making this index, great difficulty has been experienced, from the manner in which the proceedings have been kept and printed. In many instances it is stated, that a certain committee made the following report—but no report follows, and we are left to divine, as best we may, what was the substance of the report. In other cases, resolutions are introduced and no record made of their fate; and there are no means of determining whether they were carried or lost. Equally unfortunate is the manner of printing the proceedings. Up to 1837, they have been printed year by

year, and paged separately, and even two sessions in the same year are paged in the same manner. To remedy this evil, as far as possible, the index for each year is made by itself, and where two sessions have been held in the same year, they are marked A. C. for Annual Communication and S. C. for Special Communication. It is earnestly recommended to this Grand Lodge to adopt measures to remedy these evils in future, so that the proceedings shall be full and explicit, and printed and paged in a uniform and continuous manner.

The undersigned is sensible that the value of an Index of this sort depends upon its correctness, and he has spared neither time nor labor to make it correct. Although he has four times gone over the whole ground, and carefully revised and compared the index with the proceedings, he is not sure that some errors have not escaped his notice. He flatters himself, that it will be found as correct as could be expected from the irregular and confused manner in which the minutes are preserved.

Document No. 2, presents the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, as it now stands, with references to all the amendments that have been adopted, and that are now pending. This also has been a work of much labor, owing to the causes above named; but is believed to be correct in every particular.

Document No. 3, contains the Rules of Order, as now existing, and fixed by the decisions of this Grand Lodge, with references to the said decisions. It also contains such additional Rules of Order as are deemed necessary, and the adoption of which is recommended. Here also much embarrassment has been experienced from the circumstance that decisions have not at all times been perfectly consistent with each other, and also from the circumstance that the proceedings do not, in all cases exhibit the precise point decided. Reference, however, is made to the action of the Grand Lodge on the different points; and if any error has escaped, it will doubtless be discovered before the final action of the Grand Lodge shall be had in the premises.

Document No. 4, presents the General Laws of the Order, as found in the present By-Laws, and fixed by resolutions and decisions, scattered through the proceedings, subsequent to the adoption of the present Constitution and By-Laws in 1833. Also, such additional laws as are deemed of importance. In this department of labor, the undersigned has found no small difficulty in deciding upon the question of his duty as intended by this Grand Lodge.

The resolution appointing this committee, gives a wide scope for their labors. It instructs the committee "to collect, embody and prepare a compilation of the laws, rules and regulations by which the Order in general should be governed." Although this might be supposed to embrace all the rules and regulations of the Order, in all respects, yet as there is a standing committee on the Work of the Order, it was thought best not to interfere with that department of the Order, further than was absolutely necessary.

The subject of regalia has been presented, as it is deemed of importance that it should be uniform, and therefore should be fixed by a general law. The installation of officers also, it is thought should be uniformly the same in all lodges, and for this reason, the excellent form used in New York is

reported and recommended for adoption as a general regulation. Excepting these it will be seen, that the laws recommended, are designed mainly to apply to the Grand Lodges, &c., under this jurisdiction.

All which is respectfully submitted,

In Friendship, Love and Truth.

ISAAC D. WILLIAMSON.

Rep. Taylor, of Ohio, presented a communication from the Grand Lodge of Ohio, in the nature of instructions to the Representatives of that state, which was read and referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Rep. Neilson, of Indiana, presented an application from that state, praying the removal of the Grand Lodge from its present place of meeting, which was read and referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Rep. Taylor, of Ohio, offered to present to the consideration of the Grand Lodge, a paper in the nature of an appeal from sundry German brethren of that state, against the decision of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, re-considering the grant of a charter to them, and rejecting the same.

Rep. Neilson, of Indiana, objected to the reception of the communication, upon the ground that the Grand Lodge of the United States could not entertain jurisdiction of an appeal from the decision of a state Grand Lodge, without its assent had thereto.

The Chair overruled the objection at this time, and directed the paper to be read.

Whereupon, on motion of Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, it was

Ordered, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their appeal, and that they be informed that this Grand Lodge cannot constitutionally entertain the same, without the consent of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

Rep. Kennedy, of Delaware, from the special committee to whom was referred the reports of the Grand Sire and Grand Corresponding Secretary, for the purpose of allotment, presented the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The committee to whom was referred the reports of the Grand Sire, and Grand Corresponding Secretary, with instructions to allot the several subjects contained in them to the appropriate committees, and report the same to the Grand Lodge, respectfully report the accompanying resolutions.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN A. KENNEDY,
JAMES L. RIDGELY,
THOMAS WILDEY.

Resolved, That so much of the reports of the Grand Sire, and the Grand Corresponding Secretary as relates to the correspondence with the A. M. C., Texas, and Home; and so much as relates to the action of the A. M. C., of 1841, be referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

Resolved, That so much of said reports as relates to applications for Grand and subordinate charters, the action of the Grand Sire in the premises, and the application for the resuscitation of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, be referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Resolved, That so much of said reports as relates to the publication known as the "Covenant," be referred to a special committee.

Resolved, That so much as relates to finance, be referred to the Committee of Finance.

Resolved, That so much as relates to the property and archives of the Grand Lodge; the subject of Regalia; the Encampments in Pennsylvania, and all other matters not otherwise disposed of, be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

On motion, the report was accepted, and the resolutions adopted.

The Chair announced Rep's Kennedy, of Delaware; Hopkins, of Pennsylvania; and Bradley, of Connecticut, as the special committee provided for in the third resolution accompanying the report.

On motion of Rep. Davids, of New York, the report submitted by P. G. Williamson, upon the Index, Constitution, By-Laws and Amendments, was taken up for consideration, and made the special order of the day for Tuesday, 22d instant.

On motion, the Grand Lodge then adjourned until half past nine o'clock, to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, September 21st, 9½ o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, the Officers and a due representation.

The Grand Secretary presented the credentials of Rep. P. G. M. John McKeldon, of District of Columbia, and P. G. M. Samuel Lucas, Proxy Rep. of Louisiana, which were referred to the committee on credentials.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the special order of the day, being the report of P. G. Williamson, on the Index, Constitution and By-Laws, and decisions upon questions of Order, with the accompanying documents, which being severally read, were again, on motion of Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, ordered to lie on the table.

Rep. Cook, of New York, from the committee on credentials, reported favorably on the certificates of Rep's Lucas, of Louisiana, and McKeldon, of District of Columbia.

On motion, the report was accepted, and the Representatives appeared and took their seats.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, from the select committee appointed to consider and report on the unfinished business of the last session, submitted the following report, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The committee appointed to examine and report what deferred business of the last session required the action of the Grand Lodge, report :

That on an examination of the minutes of the Annual Session, 1840, it appears that the following items of business remain unfinished, or were specially appropriated for action at this session, viz :

1st. The amendment proposed by Rep. Marley, of Maryland, at the Adjourned Annual Session, (page 283,) "That the Constitution be so altered as to admit the state Grand Encampments to a representation in the Grand Lodge of the United States," and the amendment thereto, offered at the Annual Session 1840, (page 298,) viz :—"On the same terms as the state Grand Lodges, are represented," which was laid on the table at the last Annual Session.

2d. Resolution offered at April Session, 1840, by Rep. Bain, of Virginia, (page 277,) relative to the "laws, rules and regulations of the Order," referred to a committee to report this session.

3d. Resolution of Rep. Marley, of Maryland, directing the Grand Sire to procure charter, books, &c., of Industry Encampment, No. 1, of New Jersey, report to be made this session.

4th. Resolution of Rep. Mathiot, of Illinois, directing the committee appointed to procure a copy of charter of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, to be reported this session.

5th. Amendment to Article XIV, of Constitution, relating to the qualifications of candidates for the office of Grand Sire, to be acted on this session.

6th. New seal to be procured, made of steel, report to be made this session.

7th. Amendment to Article XV, of Constitution, offered by Rep. Brown, of Pennsylvania, to be acted on this session.

8th. Committee on Work of the Order, to report on the French and German charge and degree books, who were continued till this session.

The committee report the above as business unfinished, and prepared for action at this session, all of which require the attention of this Grand Lodge. They believe the above to contain all the business on the printed minutes, which has not been finally disposed of.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HOWELL HOPKINS,
CHARLES W. BRADLEY,
ALANSON COOK.

Rep. Leidy, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on the State of the Order, submitted the following report, which was accepted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the State of the Order at large, to whom was referred sundry documents, beg leave most respectfully to report in part, by the following resolutions :

Resolved, That in regard to so much of the report of the Grand Corresponding Secretary as is referred to this committee, relative to the property of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and Archives of the Order, that the Grand Lodge of the United States instruct the Grand Corresponding Secretary to request of the Grand Lodge of the state of Maryland, the erection of a suitable building on the lot in the rear of their Hall, in North Gay street, Baltimore, as a depository, for all the property of this Grand Lodge ; and that the Grand Lodge of Maryland be offered a legal interest for the sum expended in its erection, for the use of the same.

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding Secretary of this Grand Lodge, be requested to collect all the property of the Grand Lodge of the United States now in possession of others, and retain the same in his own possession, until a depository may be provided, or as this Grand Lodge may direct ; also, that the Grand Corresponding Secretary be requested to prepare an inventory of the same, and report at the next stated meeting of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Resolved, That P. G. Sire Willey be respectfully requested by this Grand Lodge, to present to it, such documents connected with the early history of the Order as may be in his possession ; comprising as they do, ancient charters, pamphlets, magazines and record books of much interest and valuable information.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented to the Grand Corresponding Secretary, P. G. M. Ridgely, for the able report he has made to it, and for

his valuable services rendered this Grand Lodge, attended as they appear to have been with much labor, and not without important responsibilities.

Resolved, That the communication from the Grand Lodge of Ohio, referred to us, instructing the Representatives, being addressed specially to them, does not properly come under our notice; and that said communication be referred back to the Representatives for such motion or action as they may deem proper, relative thereto.

Resolved, That the proposition of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, to surrender all jurisdiction over Encampments in that state to this Grand Lodge, by resolution passed at a meeting of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, held November 23d, 1840, of which the following is a copy from the minutes, as furnished by G. Secretary Curtis, of Pennsylvania: "*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge will surrender all jurisdiction over Encampments in this state to the Grand Lodge of the United States," be accepted by this Grand Lodge, and the recognition of the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, by this Grand Lodge, the confirmation of its present charter, and the charters of all existing Encampments throughout the state, subordinate thereto, is hereby acknowledged.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

NAPOLÉON B. LEIDY,
THOMAS WILDEY.

On motion of Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, the resolutions accompanying the above report were separately considered, when the first, second, third, fourth and fifth resolutions were unanimously concurred in, and upon the passage of the sixth resolution, the vote by states being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS—Rep's Marley and Warner, of Maryland; Cook and Davids, of New York; Leidy, of Pennsylvania; McKeldon, of District of Columbia; Kennedy, of Delaware; Taylor and Ridgely, of Ohio; Vn Sickell, of New Jersey; Neilson, of Indiana; Wildey, of Mississippi; Bayley, of Missouri; Lucas, of Louisiana; and Bradley, of Connecticut—14.

NAYS—Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania.

The vote of Pennsylvania being divided, was lost.

So the sixth resolution was also adopted.

Rep. Ridgely, of Ohio, offered the following resolutions, which were adopted.

Resolved, That the Committee of Correspondence inquire into the practicability of devising some means of producing uniformity in the Work of the Order throughout the earth, and to that end, they consider the propriety of sending a deputation to Great Britain, to confer with the Manchester Unity on this subject, with a view to induce their co-operation in the premises.

Resolved further, That if the said committee think favorably of the first resolution, that they consider and report upon the propriety of an appeal to the state Grand Lodges and Encampments, and subordinate lodges and Encampments under this jurisdiction, to contribute by subscription the fund necessary to defray the expense of said deputation.

A communication was received from the Recording Secretary, William G. Cook, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Rep. Cook, of New York, the Grand Lodge agreed to take up the report of P. G. Williamson, on the Index, Constitution and By-Laws as amended, and decisions upon questions of Order as arranged by him, when it was Resolved:

1st. That document No. 1, being the Index to the Journal, be approved and adopted.

2d. That document No. 2, being the Constitution with all its amendments up to Annual Session, 1841, be approved and adopted.

3d. That document No. 3, being the rules, regulations and parliamentary decisions of the Grand Lodge as arranged, be approved and adopted.

4th. That document No. 4, being the code of general laws reported by the committee, be referred to the consideration of a select committee.

The Chair named Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania; Davids, of New York; and Wildey, of Mississippi, the committee.

On motion of Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, it was

Resolved, That the Index adopted, be printed, as an Appendix to the proceedings of this session; and that an Index to the proceedings of the present session, be prepared by the Grand Secretary, and printed with the same.

On motion of Rep. Leidy, of Pennsylvania, it was

Ordered, That the Committee of Finance report a resolution to award a suitable remuneration to P. G. Williamson, for his services in preparing the Index adopted, and arranging the Constitution and By-Laws, with the amendments.

On motion of Rep. Davids, of New York, the Grand Lodge adjourned until three o'clock, this afternoon.

TUESDAY, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, the Officers and a due representation.

Rep. Bradley, of Connecticut, offered the following resolution, which was agreed to.

Resolved, That the charges, lectures and printed work of the Order, be referred to a special committee, to report at the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, what alterations and improvements, if any, are advisable to be adopted.

P. G. Sire Perkins, of Pennsylvania, appeared and took his seat.

On motion of Rep. Kennedy, of Delaware, the Grand Lodge proceeded to take up the report of the committee on deferred business; whereupon, it was ordered that the same be considered *seriatim*.

The amendment proposed to the Constitution, by Rep. Marley, of Maryland, at the Adjourned Annual Session, (page 283,) "That state Grand Encampments be admitted to a representation in the Grand Lodge of the United States," and the further amendment thereto offered at the Annual Session, 1840, (page 298,) in the following words, to wit: "On the same terms that the state Grand Lodges are represented," was considered;

And, on motion of Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, to adopt the same as a part of the Constitution, the vote by states was required, and appeared as follows:

YEAS—Rep's Marley and Warner, of Maryland; Cook and Davids, of New York; Hopkins, of Pennsylvania; Kennedy, of Delaware; Neilson, of Indiana; Wildey, of Mississippi; Bayley, of Missouri; Bradley, of Connecticut; and P. G. Sire Perkins—10.

NAYS—Rep's Leidy, of Pennsylvania; Taylor and Ridgely, of Ohio; Vn Sickell, of New Jersey; and McKeldon, of District of Columbia—4.

The vote of Pennsylvania, being divided was lost.

The Chair accordingly announced, that two-thirds of the state Grand Lodges having voted as required by the Constitution, for the amendments, they were adopted.

The second subject of deferred business, reported by the committee, being embraced in the report of P. G. Williamson, already made to the Grand Lodge, was not considered.

On motion of Rep. Vn Sickell, of New Jersey, it was

Ordered, That the third subject reported by the committee on deferred business, to wit: the reclamation of the charter, books, &c., of Industry Encampment, No. 1, New Jersey, be referred to the especial consideration of the Grand Sire.

The fourth subject reported by the committee, having been acted upon, was not considered.

The amendment to Article XIV, of the Constitution, (page 303,) Annual Session, 1840, being the fifth subject reported by the committee, was considered and rejected.

The 6th subject reported by the committee—the new Seal of the Grand Lodge, being under consideration, the same was presented by Rep. Wildey, of Mississippi, and approved.

The amendment to Article XV, of the Constitution, (page 310,) Annual Session, 1840, offered by Rep. Brown, of Pennsylvania, being the 7th subject of deferred business, reported by the committee, was considered and rejected.

The eighth and last subject of unfinished business reported by the committee, being the report of the committee authorized to procure the French and German charge and degree books, being under consideration, on motion, leave was granted the said committee to be continued.

P. G. Sire Perkins, of Pennsylvania, presented an application for a Grand Encampment charter, for the state of Pennsylvania, which was read and referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, submitted the following:

Whereas, The I. O. O. F. was established for the promoting Universal Benevolence, Friendship and Philanthropy. And *Whereas*, the Grand Lodge of the United States, the acknowledged Head of the Order in the United States, have labored successfully to abolish all useless display, and to inculcate amongst their members the great advantage to be derived from a steady adherence to the great principles of the Order, without useless expense, or unnecessary ostentation. And *Whereas*, it has heretofore been considered that no procession, or display of the Order, with the regalia, jewels, &c. of the Order could be had or made, without the sanction of the Grand Lodge of the state, and under its direction. And *Whereas*, it is considered by this Body that the good of the Order is not increased, but on the contrary may be injured by the frequent appearance in public of the Order in procession, balls, on festive occasions, (or at the funeral of members,) whose standing in the Order does not call for extraordinary notice. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding Secretary address a communication to each Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, informing them that it is the will of this Grand Lodge, that they would take the matter into their serious consideration, and strictly prohibit all processions, balls, (or funerals,) at which the regalia, emblems, &c. of the Order shall be used, unless the same be granted after due consideration in open Grand Lodge, or in its recess, be granted by dispensation of the Grand Master of the state. And also,

Resolved, That all publications made in any public newspaper, calling on the Order to appear in regalia, on any occasion not authorized by the proper Grand Lodge, is incorrect and obnoxious to censure; and that the unauthorized use of the name of the Order by any one, is erroneous and should be strictly forbidden.

The same being read, on motion of Rep. Ridgely, of Ohio, to strike out so much thereof as authorizes the granting of dispensations by the Grand Master of a state for holding funeral processions in the regalia of the Order, it was decided in the affirmative.

On motion of Rep. Cook, of New York, to strike out all such parts of the resolutions as proposed to request the state Grand Lodges to prohibit funeral processions in regalia, a discussion arose, pending which, on motion of Rep. Bradley, of Connecticut, the Grand Lodge adjourned until eight o'clock, this evening.

TUESDAY, 8 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, the Officers, and a due representation.

On motion of Rep. Marley, of Maryland, the Grand Lodge resumed the consideration of the unfinished business of the afternoon, being the motion of Rep. Cook, of New York, to strike out from the preamble and resolutions submitted by Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, so much thereof as requests the state Grand Lodges to prohibit funeral processions in the regalia of the Order; which being discussed, was decided in the affirmative.

The question then recurring on the preamble and resolutions as amended, was decided in the affirmative by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS—Rep's Davids, Hopkins, Leidy, Taylor, Ridgely, Kennedy, Vn Sickell, Willey, Neilson, Bradley and P. G. Sire Perkins—11.

NAYS—Rep's Marley, Warner, Cook and Bayley—4.

Rep. Ridgely, of Ohio, offered the following amendment to the Constitution, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table until the next Annual Session—seconded by Rep. Taylor, of Ohio.

Article III, of the Constitution, in the third line, strike out the word "who," and substitute therefor the words "all of whom." In the fourth line, same Article, strike out the words "in October," and substitute the following: "except the Grand Sire, nominations for which office shall be made at one stated meeting, and the election and installation shall take place at the next ensuing communication." Fourth line, same Article, strike out the word "and," and substitute the words "all other officers."

Rep. Cook of New York, seconded by Rep. Davids, of New York, offered the following amendment to the Constitution, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table until the next Annual Session.

That Article XIV, of the Constitution, be amended by striking out the words "must be a Past Grand Master," and the word "who," in the fifth and sixth lines.

On motion of Rep. Bradley, of Connecticut, the Grand Lodge took up for consideration, the communication of the Grand Recording Secretary, when it was

Ordered, That so much thereof as relates to his accounts, be referred to the Committee of Finance, and so much thereof as refers to books, documents, or papers in his possession, be referred to a select committee.

The Chair named Rep. Willey, of Mississippi; Bradley, of Connecticut; and P. G. Sire Perkins, as the committee.

Rep. Kennedy, of Delaware, from the Committee on Petitions, presented the following report, which was accepted and the resolutions adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Petitions respectfully report in part, that they have considered fully, the applications for the establishment of subordinate lodges and Encampments, on which dispensations have been issued by the Grand Sire in the recess of this body, and would recommend the adoption of the accompanying resolutions.

JOHN A. KENNEDY,
ALANSON COOK,
NAPOLEON B. LEIDY.

Resolved, That the dispensations issued by the Grand Sire in the recess, to the following Lodges, viz:—East Florida Lodge, No. 1, at Black Creek, East Florida; Marion Lodge, No. 2, at Charleston, South Carolina, and Weldon Lodge, No. 1, at Weldon, North Carolina, be confirmed, and that charters be granted to said lodges.

Resolved, That the dispensations issued by the Grand Sire in the recess, to the following Encampments, viz:—Virginia Encampment, No. 8, at Lynchburg, Virginia; Sassacas Encampment, No. 1, at New Haven, Connecticut; and Oriental Encampment, No. 2, at East Haddam, Connecticut, be and they are hereby confirmed, and charters are hereby granted to said Encampments.

Rep. Kennedy, of Delaware, from the Committee on Petitions, submitted the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Petitions to whom was referred so much of the Grand Sire's report, as relates to issuing dispensations to open certain Grand Lodges, in the recess of the Grand Lodge, respectfully report: that your committee have examined the applicants for Grand Lodges, and the accompanying documents referred, and are of opinion that the Order in the respective states and the foreign country, making the applications, are in condition requiring that Grand Lodges should be established in their limits, and therefore approve of the establishment of Grand Lodges at those places. It, however, appears that the Grand Sire, under the influence of a zealous feeling to advance the interest and welfare of the Order, has issued dispensations to open and constitute, subject to the approbation of your R. W. Body, the Grand Lodges applied for. Your committee have industriously examined the Constitution, laws and proceedings, without being able to ascertain the particular provision under which the exercise of the power of issuing dispensations to open Grand Lodges was exercised, unless the precedent contained in the mode of action of the Grand Traveling Agent, and the subsequent confirmation of the grant to two Grand Lodges and one Grand Encampment. Your committee call the attention of the Grand Lodge to this matter, at the present time, not more for the purpose of presenting the facts of the case, than to make apparent that a necessity exists for positive provision, empowering the proper officers to issue dispensations for Grand Lodges and Encampments in extreme cases, should the Grand Lodge deem such exercise of power advantageous or advisable.

Your committee, however, would recommend that Grand Charters be granted to the applicants to whom the dispensations have been issued.

JOHN A. KENNEDY,
NAPOLEON B. LEIDY,
ALANSON COOK.

Resolved, That a Grand Charter be granted to Lone Star Lodge, No. 1; Harmony Lodge, No. 2, and Galveston Lodge, No. 3, of Texas, for a Grand Lodge under the style and title of the Grand Lodge of Texas,* to be located at the city of Houston.

Resolved, That a Grand Charter be granted to South Carolina Lodge, No. 1, and Marion Lodge, No. 2, of South Carolina, for a Grand Lodge, under the style and title of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina,† to be located at the city of Charleston.

Resolved, That a Grand Charter be granted to Tennessee Lodge, No. 1, and Nashville Lodge, No. 2, of Tennessee, for a Grand Lodge, under the style and title of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee,‡ to be located at the city of Nashville.

On motion, the report was accepted, and the resolutions adopted.

Rep. Wildey, of Mississippi, offered the following resolution, which was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding Secretary be and he is hereby authorized to rent a suitable room as a place of deposit for all the books, documents, and property of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and to transfer to said room the said property, after he shall have made an inventory thereof.

On motion of Rep. Bayley, of Missouri, the Grand Lodge adjourned until ten o'clock, to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, September 22d, 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment: Present, the Officers and a due representation.

The Grand Secretary presented the credentials of P. G. Jacob Hull, jr., the Representative from Virginia, which were read and referred to the committee on credentials.

The Grand Siro announced the appointment of Rep's Hopkins, of Pennsylvania; Ridgely, of Ohio; and Wildey, of Mississippi, as the Committee on the Work of the Order, provided for in the resolution adopted yesterday.

Rep. Kennedy, of Delaware, offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee consisting of P. C. Patriarchs, and P. H. Priests of Encampments, be constituted to prepare appropriate degrees for the Grand Encampments, and for the past offices of C. Patriarch and H. Priest, and to report at next session.

The chair named Rep's Kennedy, of Delaware; Vn. Sickell, of New Jersey; and Marley, of Maryland, as the committee.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee of Correspondence, made the following report, which was accepted, and the resolutions adopted.

* *Grand Lodge of Texas*.—This body was instituted on 19th April, 1841, when the following Grand Officers were installed, viz: J. A. Young, M. W. G. M.; C. W. Buckler, R. W. D. G. M.; Dr. Caspar, R. W. G. W.; J. W. White, R. W. G. Chap.; J. N. O. Smith, R. W. G. Sec.; and A. Erving, R. W. G. Treas.

† *Grand Lodge of South Carolina*.—The institution of this body took place on November 28th, 1841, when the following Grand Officers were installed, viz: John H. Honour, M. W. G. M.; Peter Dela Torre, R. W. D. G. M.; Rev. Albert Case, R. W. G. W.; S. Thomas, Jr., R. W. G. Sec'y; J. E. Walker, R. W. G. Treas.

‡ *Grand Lodge of Tennessee*.—This Grand Lodge was opened and constituted on August 10th, 1841, when the following Grand Officers were installed, viz: Timothy Kezer, M. W. G. M.; Robert A. Barnes, R. W. D. G. M.; W. H. Calhoun, R. W. G. W.; W. P. Hume, R. W. G. Sec'y; George H. Forsythe, R. W. G. Treas.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee of Correspondence, to whom was referred so much of the Annual Reports of the Grand Sire, and of the Corresponding Secretary, as embraced the correspondence with England, Texas, and Home, report :

That they have attentively examined and considered the subject referred to them, and feel great satisfaction in bearing testimony to the able manner in which the correspondence has been conducted by those officers. They find but one matter therein which will require the action of this Grand Lodge, viz : the difficulty which appears to exist to the harmonious intercourse with the A. M. C. of England. By the resolution of that body, referred to in the report of the Corresponding Secretary, it appears that the A. M. C. have misconceived the resolutions of this Grand Lodge, in reference to the admission of visitors, and the deposite of cards by foreign Odd Fellows in the lodges of the United States ; and acting under that misconception, they think that members arriving in this country from England, "are not treated in the true spirit of Odd Fellowship." The committee regret that this difficulty should exist ; they do think any just cause for censure rests with the Grand Corresponding Secretary, or the body he represented. The resolution passed April 21st, 1840, directing the Corresponding Secretary "to communicate to the Grand Master, and the Board of Directors of the A. M. C., the T. P. W., and the term of its duration," made no alteration in the uniformly required proof of membership, by examination in the *language of the Order*, but only added an additional test to prevent imposition. At the same session, on the 24th of April, 1840, that no difference of opinion should exist on this subject, this Grand Lodge, upon a report of the Committee on the Work of the Order, passed a resolution on the subject, declaring "that in addition to the T. P. W., the applicant for admission must produce a regular card, and work his way by S. P. T. G. known to the Order." Thus expressing in distinct terms, that no alteration in ancient form was contemplated, and evincing a determination to maintain unimpaired, the wholesome law as understood for ages, which requires that the language of the Order should be used in all communications between brothers who were strangers to each other, as the mode by which they made acquaintance with each other, and authorized a demand for aid and assistance. That the language is the ancient mode of communication, is known to all who have made the Order their study, and that it is the best and most unerring test by which imposition can be prevented, must be apparent to all. The instructions given at the conferring of all degrees, inform the members that this language will enable them to enter into any lodge in the Universe. Your committee are at a loss to discover where, or how, the A. M. C. can find matter in the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, whereon to form the opinion that the knowledge of the T. P. W. would be all that was required by a stranger, on his application for membership in a lodge of the United States, and regretting, as they do, that any want of harmony should exist between the heads of the Order in the two countries, they are inclined to the opinion, and agree with the Grand Corresponding Secretary, that the cause to be found in the acts of the A. M. C., who have, as we believe, without due reflection, changed the language of the Order to so great a degree as almost to render it useless, and have thus, in a man-

ner, destroyed the ancient Order of Odd Fellows, substituting in place thereof another Order, without the valuable language appertaining to the original.

Your committee recommend the following resolution, viz :

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding Secretary address a communication to the A. M. C.* on the subject of the difference existing between us, and endeavour to impress on that body the importance of adhering to the ancient language, rules and regulations of the Order. And mildly but firmly protest against any attempt by that body to interfere with the Order in the United States.

HOWELL HOPKINS,
MARK P. TAYLOR,
ANDREW E. WARNER.

Rep. Taylor, of Ohio, offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the regulation adopted (page 302.) Annual Session, 1840, which requires members who receive final or visiting cards, to sign their names on the margin thereof, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Rep. Cook, of New York, proposed the following as a substitute for the resolution of Rep. Taylor, of Ohio.

Resolved, That it is irregular to admit any brother into a subordinate lodge under the jurisdiction of another Grand Lodge, as a member or visitor, unless he present a certificate under the signature of the officers and the seal of the lodge, and the counter signature of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the state in which he was a member, and prove himself in the travelling P. W. and the degree in which the lodge is open.

Resolved, That each of the Grand Lodges be notified hereof, in order that measures be taken to carry the intention of the above resolution into immediate effect.

On motion of P. G. Sire Perkins, the whole subject was indefinitely postponed.

P. G. Sire Wildey presented the following report, concluding his duties as Travelling Agent.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The undersigned, heretofore appointed Travelling Agent of the Grand Lodge, having, in his previous report, given a succinct narrative of his visit to the Southern and Western states, begs leave, respectfully, to present his final report, being the result of his Eastern tour, in the discharge of the duties of his appointment. He left the city of Baltimore late in May last, and arrived in the city of Philadelphia on the same day, where he had the pleasure of visiting several of the subordinate lodges and Encampments during their sessions. The work appeared in every particular to be properly conducted, and a spirit of generous emulation pervaded the different lodges and Encampments. The Order at large, in the state of Pennsylvania, continues to progress and prosper as it has heretofore done for many years. I proceeded from Philadelphia to the city of New York, where I arrived on the second day of June, and was received by a committee appointed by the Grand Lodge of the state, and conducted to the American Hotel, where the most handsome provision had been made for my reception, by the hospitality of the brethren of that state. During my stay in

* A Communication to the A. M. C.—The able letter of the Grand Corresponding Secretary, forwarded in pursuance of the resolution, may be found in the report of that officer at the ensuing session.

the city of New York, I visited several of the subordinate lodges, and with great pleasure witnessed the enthusiasm which universally prevails among the brethren, in advancing the cause of Odd Fellowship. On the third day of June, in company with a number of brethren, who did me the honor to invite me to accompany them, I proceeded to Albany, at which city great preparations were being made to celebrate the 18th Anniversary of the Order in that state: on the following day a large concourse of Odd Fellows of Albany, anxiously awaiting the expected arrival of the brethren from the city of New York, received us upon landing at the wharf, by whom we were escorted to the place of assemblage for the formation of the procession about to take place, and were assigned a distinguished position in the line. I participated in the festivities of this occasion with great pleasure, and at the close of the ceremonies paid my respects to the members generally, from whom I learnt that the prospects of the Order were no where brighter than in that section of New York. I left the city of Albany on the afternoon of the same day, in company with the visiting brethren from Troy, under a special invitation, and arrived with them at Troy, that night, where I visited the Encampment, and observed, with great satisfaction, the skill of the members in the Patriarchal Order. Upon my return from Troy to New York city, I visited Poughkeepsie, and found the brethren in that town sedulously engaged in the correct practice of the Work.

Having arrived in the city of New York on the 7th of June, upon the invitation of the Grand Lodge, then in session, I had the honor of visiting that body, and witnessing its deliberations. I remained three days the guest of the brethren in the city of New York, and visited several of the subordinate lodges, in all of which I found the work conducted after the ancient usage. Where all were so assiduous in their attentions to your Agent, it is difficult to discriminate, yet I cannot, in justice to my feelings, avoid the public expression of my acknowledgments to P. G. M. Kennedy, and G. M. Small, for their unremitted kindness and regard. The Order in New York, when its former very depressed condition is considered, has within a very few years past, progressed most astonishingly in numbers, respectability, and harmony, and is no doubt at this time far in advance of all the other states in prosperity. This result has been brought about by untiring zeal and industry on the part of the Grand Officers, and by strict attention upon lodge duties by the brethren. To no individual in the state of New York, is credit more eminently due for the present prosperous condition of Odd Fellowship in that jurisdiction, than to P. G. M. John A. Kennedy.

The undersigned repaired from the city of New York to Boston, where he had an interview with P. G. Guild, a brother well known to the undersigned in the better days of Odd Fellowship in that meridian; from him he learnt that several members of Massachusetts Lodge, (which had been virtually extinct for several years,) were anxious to revive its charter. I directed him to invite the brethren to meet me on the ensuing day; according to my request an interview took place, when having satisfied myself of their zeal and sincere desire to revive the work in the city of Boston, I authorized, by dispensation, the re-opening of Massachusetts Lodge, No. 1. This authority was exercised under the plenary power heretofore

given to the Agent in his former visitation to the South and West. This lodge is now, as I learn, once more in successful operation, and together with Merrinack Lodge, No. 7, at Lowell, will apply for the restoration of the former Grand Charter of the state. I also visited Merrinack Lodge, at Lowell, which was working under the charter granted at your last session, where I had the satisfaction of finding the Order in prosperous circumstances. Having imparted such instructions in the work as became necessary to this lodge, I returned to Boston, from whence I proceeded to Providence, in the state of Rhode Island. In this state, I found that Odd Fellowship had been prostrated by the same causes which had overwhelmed the efforts of its votaries in Massachusetts, to wit: the intolerant proscription of anti-masonry, and the penal statutes against secret societies, which had been enacted in obedience to public opinion, whilst under that delusion. Finding the age, and state of public feeling in that region not less propitious to the re-establishment of Odd Fellowship, than I had discovered it to be in Massachusetts, I assembled several of the old members of Friendly Union Lodge, No. 1, of Providence, who with great alacrity, embraced the idea of reviving their lodge, and have united in application to the Grand Lodge of the United States for that purpose, which is herewith submitted.

I now returned to New York, from thence proceeded to Trenton, where I visited the brethren in their lodge room, and found them re-animated in the cause of Odd Fellowship. On my return home, I made an effort to stimulate the brethren in Delaware, in which state the Order has not progressed for several years. In company with G. Sire Glazier, I visited the lodge room, and having assembled as many of the brethren as could be conveniently notified, I made an earnest effort to induce renewed exertions in the work of the Order. I have no doubt that Delaware will again assume her proper rank in the Order, in which event, every state in the Union in which Odd Fellowship has been planted, will once more present a scene of unexampled prosperity.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS WILDEY.

On motion, the report was referred to a special committee.

The Chair named as the committee, Rep's Kennedy, of Delaware; Hopkins, of Pennsylvania; and Bradley, of Connecticut.

Rep. Cook, of New York, from the committee on credentials, made the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The committee on credentials, to whom was referred the certificate of election of the Representative from the Grand Lodge of Virginia, report :

That the same is not in accordance with the form prescribed by the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, not having the signature of the Grand Secretary attached to it. The committee, however, being fully satisfied that the brother presenting the certificate was duly elected to represent the Grand Lodge of Virginia, in the Grand Lodge of the United States, would offer the following resolution.

Resolved, That brother Jacob
Grand Lodge of Virginia.

All of which

be received as

an entire sign for

fully submitted.

ALANSON COOK,
SYLVESTER V. SICKELL,
MARK P. TAYLOR.

On motion, the report was accepted, and the resolution adopted.

P. G. Sire Perkins submitted the following:

Resolved, That no individual claiming to visit or deposit his card in a lodge of these United States, shall be so admitted, unless he present a regular card, signed by the N. G., and attested by the Secretary, under the seal of the lodge, and the name of the individual holding said card be endorsed thereon in his own proper hand writing.—*Provided nevertheless*, a brother may always visit if introduced by a Grand Representative, or other elective officer of the Grand Lodge under whose jurisdiction he wishes to visit.

The yeas and nays being required on the passage of the resolution, appeared as follows:

YEAS—Rep's Marley, Warner, Cook, Davids, Kennedy, McKelley, Hull, Taylor, Ridgely, Nelson, Lucas, Bayley, Hopkins, Leidy, Willey, Vn Sickell, and P. G. Sire Perkins—17.

NAYS—Rep. Bradley—1.

So the resolution was determined in the affirmative.

Rep. Wildey, of Mississippi, offered the following resolution, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding Secretary, be and is hereby authorized to appoint suitable agencies in the several states and territories where the Order is established, for the sale of the Diplomas at the fixed price of \$3 each, and to allow said agents fifty cents for each copy of said Diploma sold; and the said agents are hereby directed not to sell to any brother, but those who have attained to the scarlet degree, and who shall produce a certificate from the lodge to which they are attached, setting forth their rank and worthiness at the time of application.

Resolved, That all resolutions heretofore adopted, inconsistent with the foregoing resolution, be and are hereby repealed.

On motion of Rep. McKeldon, of District of Columbia, it was

Ordered, That the Corresponding Secretary address in circular form, a copy of the resolution adopted, in relation to visiting brethren, to each subordinate to this jurisdiction.

Rep. Cook, of New York, offered the following resolution, which was read, and on his motion, its consideration was postponed till the next Annual Session.

Resolved, That the work of the Order be, and the same is hereby so altered, as to make it imperative that the business proceedings of subordinate lodges be transacted in the scarlet degree.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee of Correspondence, made the following report, which was concurred in, and the resolutions adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee of Correspondence, who were directed to inquire into the practicability of devising some means of producing uniformity in the work of Odd-Fellowship throughout the earth—and to that end, to consider the propriety of sending a deputation to Great Britain, to confer with

the Manchester Unity, or any other body of Odd Fellows, on this subject, with a view to inducing, if possible, their co-operation in the premises—report :

That they have considered the matter referred to them, and are fully impressed with the importance of the subject—a uniformity in the work of Odd Fellowship throughout the earth is very desirable. They believe it is practicable, though certainly cannot be obtained without great difficulty. The fact that the brethren in England consider themselves as the head of the Order, and claim to control the work every where, when it is well known that over the Order in the United States they have no control, but that it is under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, it will be seen at once what obstacles exist to the attainment of so desirable an object. For the purpose of producing uniformity in the work of the Order, your committee believe it would be desirable that some one or more of the members of the Order in the United States should hold personal communication with the Order in England. They, therefore, offer the following resolutions, viz :

Resolved, That the difficulty existing in the Order by a want of uniformity in the work, is deeply deplored by this Grand Lodge. And,

Resolved, That so soon as sufficient funds can be procured to defray the expense, one or members of the Order shall be appointed to visit England—with instruction to confer with the Manchester Unity, or any other body of Odd Fellows on the subject of the difference in the work of the Order, and to use their best endeavours to procure a return to the ancient work.

The same committee, who were directed to consider and report on the propriety of an appeal to the Grand Lodges and Encampments, and subordinate lodges and Encampments under their jurisdiction, to contribute a fund to defray the expense of a deputation to England, report : that that subject has been considered by them, and being of opinion that each and every lodge and member of the Order, being deeply interested in the attainment of the object contemplated, the expense of sending a deputation to England, should be borne by all. That the regular funds of the Grand Lodge of the United States forbid the hope that for years funds sufficient can be obtained to enable it to pay the expense. Under this impression, your committee, in the hope that each lodge would cheerfully aid in the attainment of the object, and enable an early visit to England by the Deputies to be appointed, offer the following resolution, viz :

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary address a communication to each Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment, working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, stating the importance of the object to be attained by a deputation to England, and asking a contribution of at least ten dollars from each subordinate lodge or Encampment under their jurisdiction, to be applied to defraying the expenses of one or more members to be appointed to visit England, authorized to use their best endeavours to obtain uniformity in the work of the Order.

Respectfully submitted.

HOWELL HOPKINS,
MARK P. TAYLOR,
ANDREW E. WARNER.

On motion of Rep. Davids, of New York, it was

Ordered, That the report of the select committee just adopted, in relation to the proposed deputation to England, and the resolutions accompanying the same, be
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printed by the Corresponding Secretary in circular form, and be addressed by him to each subordinate in this jurisdiction, with an earnest request that it receive their favorable notice.

On motion, the Grand Lodge then adjourned until four o'clock, this afternoon.

WEDNESDAY, 4 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, the Officers and a due representation.

P. G. M. Ridgely, the Grand Sire elect, presented the following communication, which was read, and, on motion of Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, his resignation of the office was accepted, and the paper ordered to be spread upon the journal.

*"To the M. W. G. Sire, Officers, and Representatives,
of the Grand Lodge of the United States:*

BRETHREN—I received the official intimation of my election to the office of Grand Sire at your last session, with a profound sense of the honor which had been conferred upon me—and were I to content myself with the mere expression of my acknowledgments for so distinguished a mark of the confidence of my brethren, I should feel that I was not only derelict to the just claim upon my gratitude which this additional evidence of their kindness has imposed, but I should equally be insensible to the many and often expressed manifestations of personal regard which have laid me under lasting obligations to the Representatives of the states. For this renewed token of respect and favor, no language that I can employ will sufficiently portray the emotions of a heart, whose every pulsation beats in unison with your own for the welfare of the institution over which we have been called to preside. I shall cherish the distinction of being chosen to guide the destinies of Odd Fellowship in this republic, as the most grateful offering which it has been my lot to have enjoyed during a life, not heretofore entirely devoid of what are called the honors of the world—under any circumstances, I regard the Grand Sireship as an exalted office, worthy the ambition of the most gifted of the votaries of Odd Fellowship—presented for a second time in the form of a free and unsolicited invitation, that heart would indeed be callous to all the sensibilities of human nature, that did not experience in its present bestowment the most prideful emotions.

In laying aside the highest office within your gift so honorably and kindly presented to me, it is due to myself, that the motives which have influenced my fixed determination should be clearly stated, least, peradventure, this second declension of the Grand Sireship might be regarded as capricious on my part, and wanting in due respect to the Representatives of the states.

Office once assumed should be faithfully administered, and its honors however brilliant, should rather by the efficient discharge of its duties be reflected by the officer, than be shed from the place itself upon an easy and inactive incumbent.

Whatever therefore of gratification to individual pride, the acceptance of honor presented would afford, and whatever of elevation and rank and title in the Order be the sacrifice consequent upon its declension, are considerations which cannot weigh in the circumstances in which I am placed.

On a former occasion my opinions were given upon this subject—they have undergone no change since that period—I thought then, and I think now, that the importance and responsibility of the Grand Sireship to the Order could not be too earnestly pressed upon the brother who was called by your suffrages to that exalted chair—that if zealous, diligent, affable, courteous and prompt in the discharge of his duties, incalculable benefit would result to the Order from his administration of its affairs, and his salutary example would furnish a powerful incentive to similar activity and energy in every subordinate department—but, if on the contrary, by reason of all absorbing and business relations or pursuits of life, he should be obliged from such a necessity to leave the Order to itself, and thus fail to exert that parental guardian-

ship over its concerns, which the obligations of the office imperatively impose, that such an individual, however popular or gifted, instead of being of value to Old Fellowship, would rather by his passive neglect inflict positive injury upon its well being, and superinduce a corresponding apathy in every inferior office under his supervision and direction.

Regarding the office of Grand Sire as thus responsible, and believing the weal or woe of Old Fellowship in all its details throughout your jurisdiction, so inseparably blended with such a faithful and efficient discharge of its duties, as in my conscience I know I cannot in view of my situation in life devote to its functions, I am compelled with profound respect to decline the honor of the office.

Very truly your Brother, in F. L. & T.

JAMES L. RIDGELY."

On motion of Rep. Bradley, of Connecticut, the Grand Lodge proceeded to receive nominations for the office of Grand Sire, vacated by the resignation of P. G. M. James L. Ridgely, when the following names were presented.

By Rep. Davids, of New York, P. G. M. John A. Kennedy, of New York.

By Rep. Marley, of Maryland, P. G. M. Howell Hopkins, of Pennsylvania.

By Rep. Hull, of Virginia, P. G. M. George M. Bain, of Virginia.

By Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, P. G. M. Horn R. Kneass, of Pennsylvania.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, asked and obtained leave to decline being a candidate for the office of Grand Sire.

Rep. Hull, of Virginia, moved that the Grand Lodge proceed to the election of Grand Sire, to-morrow morning at ten o'clock, which was decided in the negative.

On motion of Rep. Bradley, of Connecticut, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of Grand Sire.

The Chair appointed P. G. Sires Perkins and Wildey as tellers, who having received the ballots of the Representatives and P. G. Sires, as they were respectively called by the Grand Secretary, and counted the same, reported that P. G. M. John A. Kennedy, had received a majority of all the votes polled.

Whereupon, the Grand Sire proclaimed, that P. G. M. JOHN A. KENNEDY, of New York, was duly elected Grand Sire of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the ensuing term of two years.

On motion of Rep. Vn. Sickell, of New Jersey, the Grand Lodge proceeded to receive nominations for the office of Grand Recording Secretary, when the following names were presented.

By Rep. Cook, of New York, P. G. John G. Treadwell, of New York.

By Rep. McKeldon, of District of Columbia, P. G. M. James L. Ridgely, of Maryland.

P. G. M. Ridgely asked to be excused from being a candidate for the office of Grand Recording Secretary, which was decided in the negative.

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of Grand Recording Secretary.

The Chair appointed P. G. Sires Perkins and Wildey as tellers, who, having received the ballots from the Representatives and P. G. Sires, as they were respectively called by the Grand Secretary, and counted the

same, reported that P. G. M. James L. Ridgely, had received a majority of all the votes polled.

Whereupon, the Grand Sire proclaimed that P. G. M. JAMES L. RIDGELY, of Maryland, was duly chosen Grand Recording Secretary, for the ensuing term of two years.

On motion of Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, it was

Resolved, That the compensation of the Corresponding and Recording Secretary, be fixed at four hundred dollars per annum, until otherwise ordered.

Rep. Davids, of New York, offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That in consequence of the increase of the correspondence, &c. of the Corresponding Secretary, and the important necessity of preserving copies of said correspondence for future reference—therefore, that a suitable copying press, copying books, writing-trough and such necessary articles as may be required, for taking and preserving copies of said correspondence, and for such other documents as may be deemed necessary, shall be procured for the above purpose, at the earliest convenience.

On motion of Rep. Ridgely, of Ohio, it was

Resolved, That Rep. Davids, of New York, be and he is hereby respectfully requested to procure the copying machine authorized for the Corresponding Secretary, in the city of New York, and that he be and is hereby authorized to draw on the Grand Treasurer at sight, for the cost of the same.

Rep. McKeldon, of District of Columbia, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the first N. G. of a newly instituted lodge, be entitled to receive the degrees of Past V. G. and Past Secretary, without having filled those offices, and that the first V. G. of a similar lodge be entitled to receive the degree of Past Secretary, in the same manner.

Rep. Neilson, of Indiana, moved to strike out the words, "Past Secretary," from the resolution, wherever they occur, which was decided in the negative.

On motion of P. G. Sire Perkins, the resolution was ordered to lie on the table.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, from the special committee to whom was referred the By-Laws, &c., submitted the following report, which was accepted and the resolutions adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The committee to whom was referred the consideration of the By-Laws, as reported in existence, with the additions and amendments* proposed thereto, report: That they have carefully examined the same, and with the few alterations made thereto, recommend the adoption thereof.

The same committee, who were charged with the consideration of, and to report what compensation should be paid to brother Williamson, for the services rendered by him, in collecting and reporting the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order, together with an Index to the recorded minutes of this Grand Lodge, report the following resolution.

Resolved, That an order be drawn in favor of brother Williamson for fifty dollars.

* *Additions and amendments.*—Among those amendments which were then adopted, was an article defining the regalia of the Order, with more minuteness and precision than had been before done. The report of a committee on the same subject, and varying slightly from the amendment adopted, was subsequently presented, and laid on the table because of its being supererogatory. It was printed through a misunderstanding of the printer, which produced, at the time, some little uncertainty as to the act of the Grand Lodge.

The same committee report, that the amendment of the Constitution, admitting Grand Encampments to a representation in the Grand Lodge of the United States, requiring an alteration in the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, they have made the alteration rendered necessary thereby, and offer the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Constitution as amended, be adopted.

HOWELL HOPKINS,
THOMAS WILDEY,
THADDEUS DAVIDS.

On motion of Rep. Bayley, of Missouri, the Grand Lodge adjourned until nine o'clock, to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, September 23d, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment: Present, the Officers and a due representation.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

P. G. Sire Perkins presented the report of Wildey Encampment, of Virginia, which was referred to the Committee on Returns.

Rep. Bayley, of Missouri, offered the following resolution, which was read and referred to the select committee already raised on the Work of the Order.

Resolved, That the Funeral Obsequies reported in the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, April Communication, 1839, (pages 148, 9, 50 and 51,) be adopted by this Grand Lodge, to accompany the installation charges just adopted.

Rep. Neilson, of Indiana, moved that the said committee be instructed to report at the present session, upon this particular subject.

Pending this question, P. G. Williamson, of New York, Grand Chaplain, *pro tem.*, addressed the Grand Lodge on the subject under consideration, when the right of a Grand Officer to participate in discussion in Grand Lodge, was objected to by Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania.

The Grand Sire decided that none but a Representative, or Past Grand Sire under the Constitution, had a voice in the Grand Lodge, and remarked that he had permitted the brother to go on through mere courtesy.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, moved, as the sense of the Grand Lodge, that no member of the Grand Lodge, but a Representative or Past Grand Sire can address the Grand Lodge, except upon leave first asked and obtained.

Rep. Bayley, of Missouri, moved to amend the motion, by adding the words and "elected officers, who have a right to a voice," which was decided in the negative: the yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS—Rep's Cook, Ridgely, Bayley and P. G. Sire Perkins—4.

NAYS—Rep's Marley, Davids, Hopkins, Leidy, Kennedy, McKeldon, Taylor, Hull, Neilson, Wildey, Vn Sickell and Bradley—12.

The motion submitted by Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, was then adopted.

Rep. Neilson asked and obtained leave to withdraw the resolution to instruct the committee.

Rep. Marley, of Maryland; from the Committee on Returns, submitted the following report, with accompanying documents, being forms recommended by the committee, to be observed in future, in all returns required to be made by subordinates to this jurisdiction, which was accepted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Reports and Returns from the Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, beg leave respectfully to report : That they have examined the documents referred to them, and give the following result :

Grand Lodges of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut, and the subordinates, Iowa Lodge, No. 1, and South Carolina Lodge, No. 1,—correct.

Grand Lodge of Maryland, gives no returns on rejections, admitted and withdrawn by card, names of suspended members, deaths, and amount of specific relief.

Grand Lodge of District of Columbia, deficient as above.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, no returns on rejections, admitted and withdrawn by card, names of suspended and expelled members, and deaths.

Grand Lodge of Ohio, incorrect in nothing but the tabular arrangement.

Grand Lodge of Virginia, no returns on rejections, admitted, or withdrawn by card, names of suspended and expelled members, and the causes thereof, amount expended in relief of brothers, widows, and orphans.

Grand Lodge of Delaware, no returns on initiations, rejections, admitted, and withdrawn by card, names of suspended members, amount expended in relief of brothers, widows, and orphans, and amount expended for education of orphans.

Grand Lodge of Indiana, no returns on rejections, admitted, and withdrawn by card, deaths, and amount of relief to brothers, widows, and orphans, and education of orphans.

Grand Lodge of Missouri, deficient, as in Indiana.

Lodges of Tennessee, no returns on amount expended for relief and education.

Merrimack Lodge, No. 7, no returns on amount expended in relief and education.

Mobile Lodge, No. 2, and Galveston Lodge, No. 3, deficient, as in Merrimack, No. 7.

Encampments.—Marley Encampment, No. 2, D. C., and Wildey Encampment, No. 3, of Virginia, correct.

Grand Encampment of Ohio, no returns on rejections, suspensions, and expulsions, deaths, and amount of special relief ; also, irregular in the tabular arrangement.

Jerusalem Encampment, No. 4, of Virginia, no returns on relief.

Columbia Encampment, No. 1, of D. C. deficient, as above.

Vicksburg Encampment, No. 2, informal, having no seal, and incomplete returns.

Trenton Encampment, No. 2, informal, and incomplete returns, as above.

Wildey Encampment, No. 1, of Mississippi, incomplete returns.

Widows' Friend Encampment, No. 5, Virginia, imperfect in having no returns on relief.

Your committee have experienced some difficulty, on account of the very irregular manner and form of the reports. The blanks passed upon at the last communication have been wholly unattended to. Your committee would respectfully call the attention of the Grand Lodge to this subject once more, and ask the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That the forms herewith presented, be adopted and printed in the appendix to the proceedings, and copies forwarded to each Grand Lodge and Encampment and subordinate lodge and Encampment under this jurisdiction.

All which is respectfully submitted.

RICHARD MARLEY,
CHARLES W. BRADLEY,
WILLIAM BAYLEY.

On motion of Rep. Neilson, of Indiana, the Grand Lodge proceeded to consider the documents accompanying the report of the committee.

Document, No. 1, being the form recommended by the committee, hereafter to be observed by state Grand Lodges in making their annual returns, was considered and adopted.

Document, No. 2, accompanying the report of the committee, being a form recommended to the state Grand Lodges, to be observed by their subordinates, in their returns of relief afforded, was considered and adopted.

Document, No. 3, accompanying the report of the committee, being the form which subordinate lodges, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, shall hereafter pursue in making their annual returns, was read and adopted.

Document, No. 4, being the form prescribed for the annual returns of Grand Encampments, was considered and adopted.

Rep. Kennedy, of Delaware, from the select committee, to whom was referred so much of the Corresponding Secretary's report as related to the "Covenant," submitted the following report and resolutions, which were read, and on his motion, laid on the table, and made the special order of the day, for four o'clock, this afternoon.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Corresponding Secretary's report as relates to "the Covenant," respectfully report: That after mature and deliberate examination of the propriety, policy and expediency of establishing an Official Magazine, under the auspices, and for the benefit of the Grand Lodge of the United States, your committee are convinced that the period in our successful operation has arrived, when it has devolved on the Grand Lodge of the United States to undertake the enterprize, without further delay.

In the very large and continually increasing numbers of the Order within the jurisdiction, the appetite for knowledge of an authentic character in relation to the history, principles and practices of the institution is correspondingly great and increasing. To gratify in a degree the desire of the brotherhood for the diffusion of intelligence, several attempts have been made by unauthorized brothers, to establish periodicals, some of which have maintained existence for longer or shorter time; but few, indeed,

have been enabled to extend it beyond a single volume, from the want of official character in their mode of publication. It therefore seems to have become incumbent on the constituted authority, to adopt such measures for securing to the Order the advantages of a periodical, which would have united in itself all other requisites for success, in addition to that being authorized and official.

Our brethren in Great Britain have maintained for a series of years, a well conducted official magazine, which has contributed much to the advantage of the brethren, and of the Order; to the brethren by the dissemination of authentic information relative to the affairs of the institution; and to the Order, by yielding an income in profits to the funds thereof, and thereby lessening direct exactions.

The success attendant on their exertions admonishes us of the probable result of a similar undertaking by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Your committee are also enabled to announce that the proprietor of "The Covenant," (who has a subscription list amply sufficient to warrant the success of the undertaking,) is prepared to surrender up to the Grand Lodge his entire prospective property and interest therein, on terms of at least equal advantage to the Grand Lodge as to himself; and which, with the necessary consequent improvements, would, without extraordinary expense, prove in every respect what the Order desires.

In preparing a system of operation for the Magazine, your committee have been influenced solely by a desire to present such a plan as would secure the most perfect success, and such they humbly hope, the one presented in the accompanying resolutions will prove.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN A. KENNEDY,
HOWELL HOPKINS,
CHARLES W. BRADLEY.

Resolved, That ten R. P. Degree Past Grands in regular compliance, not more than two of whom shall be residents of the same state, district, or territory, shall be selected from the body of the Order, by the Grand Lodge, to constitute a Board of Supervision. That, at the first election of said Board, one half the number shall be first chosen to serve for one year, and the remaining portion shall be then chosen to serve for two years; so that one moiety may be chosen annually thereafter, to serve for two years.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Board of Supervision to act in the recess of the Grand Lodge, in carrying into effect the wishes of this Grand Lodge, in conducting an official magazine, devoted to the cause of Odd Fellowship, in the name and on the behalf of the Grand Lodge of the United States. And shall have power to advise with the Editor and Agent under whose management such magazine and the business thereof may be placed, on all matters entrusted to them by the Grand Lodge. And in case of vacancy in either of the above offices, of Editor or Agent, by death, inability, or resignation, a majority of the said Board are empowered to fill the same, *ad interim*, until the next session of the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That, at the time of the election of the Grand Officers, there shall be chosen, to serve for two years, one person who shall be a R. P. D. Past Grand in compliance, as Editor, and the same or another person of similar qualifications, as Agent.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Editor to have exclusive charge of the editorial department of the official magazine, which shall be styled "*The Covenant—the Official Magazine of the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F.*," and to select, arrange, and direct the publication of such original and other matter as it may be advisable to insert in it. And to engage such assistance in his department as may be deemed necessary.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Agent to have charge of the business department of the Covenant, and in such capacity he shall hold in trust, for the Grand Lodge of the United States, the proprietorship of said magazine. He shall receive all moneys which may become due to the department, and pay the same over to the Grand Treasurer, monthly; he shall make all disbursements by drafts on the Grand Treasurer, countersigned by any member of the Board of Supervision. He shall keep regular accounts of the receipts and expenditures of his office; and render, annually, a report thereof to the Grand Lodge. He shall have power to appoint and change, at pleasure, all general and sub-agencies throughout the United States, and to employ such assistance in the publication office as may be required. And he shall give bond and security, in such form and amount as the Grand Sire may approve, conditioned for the faithful application of all property, funds, and effects of all kinds, that may pass into his possession by virtue of his said office, and for handing over whatever of the same may remain in his possession, to his successor in office.

Resolved, That the Agent is specially authorized and empowered to effect and conclude an arrangement with the proprietor of the publication known as "The Covenant," by which the prospective interest thereof, and all property therein, as a publication shall be obtained by said Agent, in trust for the Grand Lodge of the United States, on the terms and conditions following, viz: That, in consideration of the full and entire conveyance of all the prospective property and interest in the publication known as "The Covenant," to the Agent, in trust for the Grand Lodge of the United States, from the proprietor thereof, and on said proprietor binding himself, under the penalty of forfeiture of all advantages thereby accruing to him, in case he shall fail to perform the printing agreed upon, in such manner as shall be specifically provided, said Agent is hereby empowered to obligate the Grand Lodge of the United States to prefer the said proprietor as printer of all letter press printing, in the form of books, pamphlets, &c., and proceedings, in the English language, or character of letter; whenever the same may be done, without subjecting the Grand Lodge to inconvenience, (and to mail so much thereof as may be ordered by the Agent,) at the usual rate of prices for such description of work, for the term of three years. *Provided*, that the printing of the Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States shall not be deferred for a longer period than thirty days after the adjournment of each session; and *provided also*, that the Grand Lodge at any time during the term of the contract authorized to be made by the Agent aforesaid, upon surrendering the said work to the said proprietor, shall be released thenceforth from the further compliance with the said contract, and shall be free to originate, if it should be deemed proper, any other Periodical or Magazine as its proper official organ.

Resolved, That "The Covenant" be published monthly, and be issued punctually on the first day of each month, and as simultaneously as possible throughout the United States.—That it be printed with the best quality of type, on fine paper of the medium octavo form, and each number to contain forty eight pages of matter; and, so soon as sufficient ability is afforded from the proceeds, that it be embellished with such designs as may be approved of by the Grand Lodge of the United States, or the Board of Supervision. That the subscription price be fixed at two dollars per annum, if paid in advance; two dollars and fifty cents, if within six months; and three dollars, if not paid before the end of the year.

Resolved, That the Editor be authorized to employ an assistant Editor, whose joint salary shall not exceed \$1000, and who shall defray all the expenses incident to editing the same other than postage.

Resolved, That a compensation of 25 per cent. upon the gross receipts from subscription be allowed to the General Agent, he paying all expenses attending the obtaining subscriptions, travelling expenses of himself and his sub-agents, also the compensation to such sub-agents. He being answerable for all the copies of the Covenant delivered to him or his agents, or on his order for subscribers, all of which are to be accounted for by him, either in money or by a return of the copies. All the expenses, such as postage, office rent, &c., to be paid by the receipts of the paper.

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to keep separate, the accounts of the moneys he may receive and disburse on account of the Covenant.

Rep. Leidy, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, with the accompanying resolutions, which was accepted, and the resolutions were adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the State of the Order, beg leave most respectfully to make a second report :

Having duly weighed all matters contained in a communication from G. M. Williams, addressed to the Grand Corresponding Secretary, April 17th, 1841, and referred by him to this Grand Lodge: 1st. Asking sympathy and indulgence toward the Grand Lodge of Louisiana. 2d. The right of a charter of a subordinate lodge claimed by two parties, after a surrender of said charter having been made to the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, by a majority, in opposition to the will of the minority: and 3d. The grant of a dispensation to P. G. M. Mondelli to confer Patriarchal degrees, and the reduction of the Encampment initiation fee.

The following resolutions are offered for approval:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of the United States will grant every reasonable indulgence to the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, manifesting as it has, its disposition to pay its dues to this Grand Lodge, by payment of thirty dollars on account as per its report for the present year, notwithstanding its pecuniary difficulties, and that this Grand Lodge deeply sympathize with it in its misfortunes.

Resolved, That a charter of a subordinate lodge cannot be surrendered by a majority of its members, should there be in the minority a constitutional number of worthy members who may wish to retain and work under it.

Resolved, That the granting a dispensation to any Chief Patriarch for conferring Patriarchal degrees, would be establishing a precedent that sooner or later might be much abused, and that it is inexpedient to grant such dispensation.

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to permit the reduction of Encampment and initiation fees.

Resolved, That in regard to the communication of C. P. Mondelli, of New Orleans, dated January 19th, 1841, that it would be unconstitutional for Wildey Encampment, No. 1, of New Orleans, to work or transact business with a less number than a constitutional quorum, (seven) and would recommend the remaining five members in good standing of said Encampment, to use their exertions to re-instate their delinquent patriarchs.

Resolved, That the communication from P. G. M. Mondelli, dated New Orleans, Louisiana, August 11th, 1841, asking the influence of this Grand Lodge in resisting the persecution against Odd Fellowship in that state by the Masonic Order, be referred to the Grand Sire.

Resolved, That this committee being ignorant of the rank of brother Wm. Morrison, cannot reply to the inquiry made by "Far West Lodge, No. 1, Little Rock, Arkansas," by communication dated January 29th, 1841, respecting his standing, and that unless the brother produce satisfactory proof of his rank to the lodge of which he is a member, he cannot be recognized as a Past Grand.

Resolved, That the communication from brother W. Robinson, Little Rock, Arkansas, dated July 25th, 1841, making various complaints against brothers of the "Far West Lodge" ought to receive immediate attention; and that this Grand Lodge authorize a competent brother of the scarlet degree, of an adjoining state to proceed forthwith to Far West Lodge, and take such measures as may be best calculated to promote the harmony and welfare of said lodge, and report as early as possible to the Grand Corresponding Secretary.

Resolved, That the Charter constituting Mt. Horeb Encampment, cannot be forwarded as desired by brother Wm. Robinson, in the aforementioned communication, unless the resolution passed by this Grand Lodge at their last Annual Session (page 317,) be complied with; requiring the charter fee first to be paid this Grand Lodge, through the proper officer.

All which is respectfully submitted,

NAPOLÉON B. LIEDY,
THOMAS WILDEY,
JAMES L. RIDGELY.

Rep. Kennedy, of Delaware, from the Committee on Petitions, submitted the following report, which was accepted, and the resolutions were adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Petitions respectfully report in part: that after a full examination of the petition from certain P. C. Patriarchs from four of the Encampments of Pennsylvania, and the subject therewith connected, your committee are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners cannot be granted. The application not coming from the subordinate Encampments, as the law requires, but from members thereof in their capacity of P. C. Patriarchs, could not properly be subject for action by the Grand Lodge. In addition to which objection, the Grand Lodge has at the present session, by resolution, fully recognized the continued existence of the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, under this Grand Lodge, as it had existed under the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, previous to the surrender of direct jurisdiction to the Grand Lodge of the United States, and not more than one Grand Encampment can exist in the same state at the same time.

Your committee, however, conceive that it is the duty of the Grand Lodge to recall the charter under which said Grand Encampment is now constituted, and to issue a new charter to be delivered on the surrender of the present one.

JOHN A. KENNEDY,
NAPOLEON B. LEIDY.
ALANSON COOK.

Resolved, That the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, be and is hereby directed to surrender to the Grand Lodge of the United States, the charter under which said Grand Encampment is constituted, and that a new charter be granted to said Grand Encampment* in lieu thereof.

Resolved, That a note be appended to said charter reciting the date of the charter from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, under which said Grand Encampment was instituted, in order that the former rank of seniority may be preserved.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, offered the following, which was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania be directed (after it shall have received the new charter from the Grand Lodge,) to recall the charters heretofore granted to subordinate Encampments, and issue new charters of the same tenor, so far as the same is not repugnant to this jurisdiction, noting therein the date of the old charter—and that the charters be furnished without charge.

Rep. McKeldon, of District of Columbia, moved that the Grand Lodge now take up and consider the resolution submitted by him, and laid on the table, upon the motion of P. G. Sire Perkins, in relation to conferring past official degrees upon officers of newly instituted lodges.

The Grand Lodge agreed to take up and consider the same, and the question being put upon the passage of the said resolution, it was determined in the negative: the yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

* *Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania*—This body was instituted at the city of Philadelphia, by a warrant from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, on the 13th August, 1829, by G. Sire Wikley, and the following Grand Officers were installed, viz: Isaac Brown, G. P.; James M. Mullen, G. M. E. H. P.; Andrew Anderson, G. S. W.; Thomas Small, G. Scribe; John Postill, G. Treas.; Lawrence O'Connor, G. Guar. On the 26th October, 1841, the charter granted by the Grand Lodge of the United States was duly presented in conformity with the resolutions granting the same.

YEAS—Rep's Cook, Hopkins, Leidy, McKeldon, Bradley, and P. G. Sire Perkins—6.

NAYS—Rep's Marley, Warner, Davids, Kennedy, Hull, Taylor, Bayley, Vn. Sickell, Wildey, Neilson, Ridgely, and Lucas—12.

Rep. Taylor, of Ohio, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of the United States, grant a dispensation to the Grand Lodge of Ohio, to confer on P. G's, A. A. Pruden, George Clements, and James Read, the side degrees.

Rep. McKeldon, of District of Columbia, moved to amend the resolution, so as to authorize the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia to confer the side degrees upon brethren similarly situated.

Rep. Bradley, of Connecticut, moved to amend the amendment proposed, so as to include the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

Rep. Davids, of New York, moved as a substitute for the resolution and proposed amendments, that each state Grand Lodge be authorized in its discretion to confer such degrees.

The question being put upon the adoption of the substitute of Rep. Davids, of New York, it was decided in the negative.

The question recurring on the amendment of Rep. Bradley, of Connecticut, to the proposed amendment of Rep. McKeldon, of District of Columbia, it was decided in the negative.

The question then being put upon the amendment offered by Rep. McKeldon, of District of Columbia, it was decided in the negative.

The question then recurring on the resolution, as proposed by Rep. Taylor, of Ohio,

Rep. Kennedy, of Delaware moved to strike out the name of George Clements, when P. G. Sire Perkins called for the previous question, which being demanded by a majority of the members present, the previous question was put, that is—"Shall the main question be now put?" and was decided in the affirmative.

The question was then put, will the Grand Lodge adopt the resolution as offered by Rep. Taylor, of Ohio? when it was decided in the negative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS—Rep's Marley, Warner, Hopkins, Taylor, Ridgely, Wildey, Lucas, and P. G. Sire Perkins—8.

NAYS—Rep's Cook, Davids, Leidy, Kennedy, McKeldon, Hull, Neilson, Bayley, Vn. Sickell, and Bradley—10.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet this afternoon, at three o'clock.

THURSDAY, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, the Officers and a due representation.

Rep. Kennedy, of Delaware, asked and obtained leave to be excused from further service on the Committee of Finance.

The Chair announced Rep. Davids, of New York, on the said committee, in place of Rep. Kennedy, of Delaware, excused.

Rep. Kennedy, of Delaware, from the Committee on Petitions, presented the following report, which was accepted, and the resolution agreed to.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Petitions respectfully report, that your committee have examined the subject matter of the difficulty in the jurisdiction of Illinois, and are of opinion that it more properly appertains to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Your committee would therefore respectfully ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN A. KENNEDY,
ALANSON COOK,
NAPOLEON B. LEIDY.

Resolved. That so much of the report of the Grand Sire as relates to the Grand Lodge of Illinois, and the Order in that jurisdiction, be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

The hour having arrived to which the special order of the day was deferred, when, on motion of Rep. McKeldon, of District of Columbia, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the same, being the report of the committee on "The Covenant."

On motion of Rep. Marley, of Maryland, the report of the committee was accepted, and the resolutions agreed to be considered, *seriatim*.

The first resolution accompanying the report of the committee was read, discussed, and adopted.

The second, third, fourth and fifth resolutions were severally read and adopted.

The sixth resolution was modified, with the consent of the committee, and adopted.

On motion of Rep. Ridgely, of Ohio, the whole subject was ordered to lie on the table.

When, on motion of Rep. Bayley, of Missouri, the Grand Lodge adjourned until eight o'clock, this evening.

THURSDAY, 8 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, the Officers, and a due representation.

On motion of Rep. Leidy, of Pennsylvania, the reading of the journal was dispensed with.

On motion of Rep. Bradley, of Connecticut, the Grand Lodge agreed to proceed to the installation of Grand Officers.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, moved to re-consider the vote just taken to proceed to the installation of Grand Officers, which was concurred in ; when Rep. Bradley, of Connecticut, asked and obtained leave to withdraw the resolution.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee of Finance, submitted the following report, which was accepted and the resolutions were adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee of Finance report, that they have examined and found correct the following bills and accounts, viz :

Bill of R. Neilson, for printing, &c.	\$145 50
Less paid him on account by Grand Treasurer,	100 00
Balance due him,	\$ 45 50
Bill of Z. B. Glazier, for Diplomas, postage and travelling expenses as Grand Sire,	300 00
Bill of George Zahm, for translating, printing and binding German and French Degree and Encampment books,	221 00
Bill of H. R. Kneass, D. G. Sire, travelling expenses,	20 00
Bill of T. Wildey, postage and for box,	2 80
Bill for postage paid by G. Cor. Secretary,	31 13
Salary of G. Cor. Secretary, for year 1840, '41,	200 00

Amounting to the sum of - - - - - \$820 43

The Grand Corresponding Secretary, having acted in the place and done the duties of G. Rec. Secretary, the committee think a compensation should be allowed him for such extra service, of 50 00

Making a total of - - - - - \$870 43

They offer the following resolution, viz :

Resolved, That orders be drawn on the Treasurer, in favor of the respective persons above named, for the amount of their respective bills and accounts.

The committee have also examined the accounts of the Grand Corresponding Secretary, and find that he received, since the last financial report, up to Sept. 13, 1841, the sum of - - - - - \$712 28

Which amount has been paid by him to the Grand Recording Secretary in part, and the balance to the Grand Treasurer, for items of his receipts, the committee refer to the printed report of the Grand Corresponding Secretary of this session.

The Grand Corresponding Secretary has also received since the 13th of September, 1841, from lodges and Encampments, viz :

From Grand Lodge of Maryland, dues,	\$40 00
From Grand Lodge of New York, dues,	40 00
From Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, dues,	40 00
From Grand Lodge of Connecticut, dues,	20 00
From Grand Lodge of New Jersey, dues,	20 00
From Grand Lodge of Ohio, dues,	40 00
From Grand Lodge of District of Columbia, dues,	20 00
From Grand Lodge of Virginia, dues,	60 00
From Merrimack Lodge, per centage,	25 00
From Trenton Encampment, No. 2, New Jersey,	7 20
From Wildey Encampment, of Virginia,	12 50
From Grand Encampment, of Ohio,	16 88
From Columbia Encampment, of District of Columbia,	21 63
From Jerusalem Encampment, of Virginia,	15 75

378 96

\$1091 24

Which amount the Grand Treasurer acknowledges to have received of the Grand Corresponding Secretary.

The committee have also examined the accounts of the Grand Treasurer, and find that he had a balance in his hands at the last financial report, of - - - - - \$292 73

That he has received from the 10th of October, 1840, to the 23d September, 1841, from Grand Recording Secretary and Grand Corresponding Secretary, the sum of - - - 1,045 15

Making a total, - - - - - \$1,337 88

That the Grand Treasurer has paid by orders drawn on him by the Grand Sire, the following amounts:

To Brother Sawkins, for portrait bought, - - \$150 00
To J. M. Anderson, for seal, - - - 50 00
To J. C. Robinson, for filling diplomas, &c., - - 23 33
To I. D. Williamson, for services performed, - - 50 00

And that the Grand Treasurer has paid without the order of the Grand Sire, to the following named persons, the following sums, for debts due them justly, viz:

To Brother Sawkins, for portrait bought, \$200 00
To R. Neilson, on account of printing, - 100 00
To N. Hickman, bill stationary, - - 13 81
313 81

Also to Grand Recording Secretary Cook, on account of salary, - - - - - 20 00

And that he is entitled to be credited, for a broken bank note paid him, the sum of - - - 5 00

612 14

Leaving a balance in his hands on this day, of - - - \$725 74

The committee regret that the Grand Treasurer has ventured to pay any bill unauthorized by the Grand Sire; but as the bills are justly due, recommend that he be credited therefor; they, however, hope that hereafter more attention will be paid by him to the constitutional requisition in relation to payments to be made by him. In relation to the sum of \$20 paid Grand Recording Secretary Cook, it was wholly unauthorized, and is particularly to be regretted, as the Grand Lodge will be a great loser by him. But as the payment was made before it was known or suspected that the Grand Recording Secretary had not acted with good faith, the committee recommend that the payment to him by the Grand Treasurer, be acknowledged and credited to the Grand Treasurer.

The accounts of Jerusalem Encampment stand charged on the books of this Grand Lodge, as indebted for charter, \$30. It appears that that sum was paid to P. G. Sire Wildey, and accounted for by him in his account, but omitted to be credited to Jerusalem Encampment. The committee offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That Jerusalem Encampment of Virginia be credited with thirty dollars paid to P. G. Sire Wildey.

The committee find it will be impossible for them to audit and report the accounts of the Grand Recording Secretary, and the state of the account of the various Grand and subordinate Lodges and Encampments, in sufficient time to report this session. But as the subject is one of importance, they pray to be discharged from the consideration thereof, and offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee of three members residing in the city of Baltimore, be appointed, whose duty it shall be during the recess of this Grand Lodge, fully to audit the accounts of G. R. Secretary Cook, and the accounts of the different Grand and subordinate lodges and Encampments, with this Grand Lodge, and report either to the Grand Sire, or to this Grand Lodge, at its next session, whichever the committee may deem most for the benefit of the Order; and the Grand Sire, if report be made to him, shall take such order thereon as the subject may in his opinion require.

HOWELL HOPKINS,
SYLVESTER Vn SICKELL,
THADDEUS DAVIDS.

Rep's. Vn Sickell, of New Jersey, and Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, asked and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

Rep. Davids, of New York, offered the following, which was unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That the Grand Sire or Grand Recording Secretary, be authorized to insert by note on the Grand Charter of the Grand Lodge of New York, the following words, viz:—"Granted in place of the original Grand Charter from the Grand Lodge of Maryland and of the United States, dated June 4th, 1833."

Rep. Bradley, of Connecticut, having voted in the affirmative, on the amendment to the Constitution, agreed to on yesterday, authorizing a representation of Grand Encampments in the Grand Lodge of the United States, upon the same terms as state Grand Lodges, moved that the Grand Lodge now re-consider the vote adopting the same.

Rep. Kennedy, of Delaware, objected to the reception of the motion as out of order, upon the ground that the amendment having been adopted by a constitutional vote of two-thirds, was now a part of the Constitution, and could not be the subject of legislation, except in the manner provided in the Constitution, for altering or amending the same, as follows, to wit:—"Any alteration or amendment to the Constitution must be offered to the Grand Lodge, in writing, at a stated meeting thereof, and if seconded it shall be entered on the minutes—at the next stated meeting, the amendments may be considered, and if agreed to by two-thirds of the votes given, shall become a part of the Constitution."

The Chair decided that any time during the session, any vote adopted was within the control of the Grand Lodge, and that the motion to re-consider was in order.

Rep. Kennedy, of Delaware, appealed from the decision of the Chair—pending the appeal, on motion of Rep. Cook, of New York, the whole subject was ordered to lie on the table.

Rep. Leidy, of Pennsylvania, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the next Annual Session be held at the city of New York.

Rep. Wildey, of Mississippi, moved to amend the resolution, by striking out "New York," and substituting "Cincinnati."

Rep. Hull, of Virginia, moved to amend, by substituting the word "Richmond."

The question being taken on the amendment offered by Rep. Hull, of Virginia, to substitute the word "Richmond," was decided in the negative.

The question recurring on the amendment of Rep. Wildey, of Mississippi, to strike out the words "New York," and substitute the word "Cincinnati," it was decided in the negative.

And the question being put on the resolution of Rep. Leidy, of Pennsylvania, that the next Annual Session be held at the city of New York, was decided in the negative.

Rep. Leidy, of Pennsylvania, then moved, that the next Annual Session be held at the city of Philadelphia, which was determined in the negative.

Rep. Cook, of New York, moved that the Grand Lodge now adjourn, which was decided in the negative.

Rep. Leidy, of Pennsylvania, moved that the Grand Lodge do now proceed to install the Grand Officers elect, which was decided in the negative.

Rep. Neilson, of Indiana, offered the following, which was agreed to.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to report at each regular Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, in tabular form, the name of each and every Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment, and each and every subordinate lodge and subordinate Encampment where there is no Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, with the amount of moneys received by him from each of the aforesaid lodges and Encampments so reporting:—and that he also report, in the same table, the name of each and every Grand and subordinate Lodge and Encampment, which may fail to report, according to the requisitions of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Taylor, of Ohio, offered the following amendment to the Constitution, seconded by Rep. Vn Sickell, of New Jersey, viz:

Article II, strike out "third Monday of September," in second line, and insert "first Monday of November."

On motion of Rep. Cook, of New York, the Grand Lodge proceeded to consider the unfinished business of the afternoon session, being the report of the select committee on the Covenant.

The seventh resolution accompanying the report, was taken up and adopted.

The eighth resolution was read, amended and adopted.

The ninth resolution was considered, discussed at length and adopted.

The tenth resolution, was amended and adopted.

On motion of Rep. Davids, of New York, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the resolutions as amended, be now adopted.*

On motion of Rep. Lucas, of Louisiana, the Grand Lodge adjourned until nine o'clock, to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, September 24th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, the Officers and a due representation.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

* The various amendments to these resolutions which were offered, and rejected or adopted, the Secretary, by the direction of the Grand Lodge, has not set forth; but the resolutions which accompany the report of the committee, on page 366, embody all that were adopted.

The Chair named as the committee provided for in the resolution accompanying the report of the Committee of Finance, to audit during the recess, the accounts of the late Recording Secretary, and to report in their discretion, to the Grand Sire, or to the next Annual Communication, Rep's Ridgely, of Ohio; Wildey, of Mississippi; and Bayley, of Missouri.

On motion of Rep. Ridgely, of Ohio, the following were adopted:

Ordered, That the Chair appoint a committee of two, residing in the city of Baltimore, to take a particular inventory of all and singular, the property of the Grand Lodge of the United States, specifying the number of diplomas, charters, degree and charge books, books of proceedings now on hand, and upon the delivery of the same to the Grand Secretary, to take his receipt therefor, and file the same with the Grand Treasurer.

Ordered, That at each Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, it shall be the duty of the Committee of Finance to examine into the stock on hand and report thereon; to facilitate which inquiry, the Grand Secretary shall furnish a particular account of the sales thereof, and of the balance remaining in his hands.

The Chair named Rep's Marley, of Maryland; and Bayley, of Missouri, as the committee, provided for in the first order.

Rep. Davids, of New York, offered the following, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the Grand Representatives in the Grand Lodge of the United States appear in the proper regalia of the several Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, to which they are attached.

On motion of Rep. Neilson, of Indiana, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge will proceed to the ceremony of installation of the R. W. Grand Officers elect, at twelve o'clock, this day.

Rep. Kennedy, of Delaware, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was accepted and the resolution adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the prayer of John Wood and others, asking a restoration of the charter of Friendly Union Lodge, No. 1, beg leave respectfully to report. The committee having carefully considered the facts in the case, offer the following resolution.

JOHN A. KENNEDY,
NAPOLEON B. LEIDY.

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners, for the restoration of the charter of "Friendly Union Lodge, No. 1," of Providence, Rhode Island, be, and the same is hereby granted.

Rep. Kennedy, of Delaware, from Committee on Petitions, submitted the following report, which was accepted, and the resolutions adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee to whom was referred the report of P. G. Sire Wildey, as Travelling Agent, respectfully report: That by the resolution of 1838, the powers of the Travelling Agent were continued so as to permit him to visit the Order in the Eastern portion of the country. In pursuance of these powers the Travelling Agent has re-established Massachusetts Lodge, No. 1, at Boston, Massachusetts, which your committee recommend to be confirmed. An application was also made for the re-establishment of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, but in consequence of its entire want of conformity to established and necessary forms, it cannot be acted on at the

present session of the Grand Lodge. It might be proper to empower the Grand Sire, on legal application being made, to restore the Grand Lodge to existence. The duties of the Travelling Agent having now been finally concluded, your committee recommend the adoption of a resolution on that subject.

JOHN A. KENNEDY,
CHARLES W. BRADLEY.

Resolved, That the restoration of Massachusetts Lodge, No. 1, at Boston, Massachusetts, be, and the same is hereby confirmed.

Resolved, That the Grand Sire be, and is hereby authorized to re-establish the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts,* at the city of Boston, on regular and formal application being made therefor.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to P. G. Sire Wilkey, for the laborious and faithful manner in which he has performed the important duties entrusted to him as Travelling Agent of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the office of Travelling Agent be, and the same is hereby abolished.

Rep. Leidy, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on the State of the Order, presented the following report, which was accepted and the resolutions adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the State of the Order at large, respectfully present their third report, by resolutions, as follows :

Resolved, That the communication of P. G. M. Kennedy, dated New York, January 26th, 1841, suggesting certain changes in the Work of the Order, in relation to prayers and ceremonies, be referred to the Committee on the Work of the Order.

Resolved, That having carefully examined the various documents received during the past ten months, from worthy brothers of Galena, Alton, and Springfield, Illinois, respecting the removal of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, and the language of the proviso, (page 271 of the printed proceedings,) passed by the Grand Lodge of the United States, in 1840; permission be granted by this Grand Lodge for the removal of the place of meeting of the Grand Lodge of Illinois,† to Springfield, as desired by a majority of the subordinate lodges.

* *Grand Lodge of Massachusetts*—This body, the first which possessed superintending power under the Grand Lodge of Maryland and of the United States, had finally ceased operation in March of 1832, and during 1833, its charter was recalled.

Its last official report of condition was received in 1830, at which time it had six lodges in charge, but seems to have opened one afterward; and the latest evidence it furnished of vitality was in the appointment of a Representative for the session of 1831—after which feat it would seem to have rapidly declined.

For several years, the fell spirit of contention had prevailed in its councils; feelings of jealousy had usurped the place of brotherly love, and harmonious effort was at an end. The subordinate lodges speedily delivered up their charters, leaving but one, the lodge at Lowell, to represent the flattering promises which had been held out for the Order in the commonwealth of Massachusetts. The few remaining faithful brethren gathered up the small remnant of effects, and safely deposited them for future use, should a day more propitious to success ever arrive. Meanwhile the lodge at Lowell, Merriamack, No. 7, ceased its operations; but through the influence of P. G. Sire Wilkey, who was ever ready with a helping hand, it renewed its effort in 1833, under the direct jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and, after a tedious and precarious existence, it was prepared to assist with vigor in the re-establishment of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

Nine years passed quietly on without exhibiting the least sign of returning life, when the three brothers who had assumed the guardianship of the remains of the Order in Boston, (viz: Albert Guild, the last Secretary, Aaron Andrews and Eber Smith, P. G's,) were found actively engaged in the endeavour to revive Massachusetts Lodge, No. 1, by P. G. Sire Wilkey, who, as Travelling Agent, unexpectedly arrived in their city. Two veterans in the cause, viz: James B. Barnes, the first N. G. of the lodge in 1829, and Daniel Hersey, the G. M. on the establishment of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in 1821, were prevailed upon to lend their aid; when, on the 23d of June, 1841, Massachusetts Lodge, No. 1, was re-organized, and the Order in the East resuscitated to a more brilliant destiny, as its present condition testifies. The Grand Lodge was, under the resolution on which we note, re-established on the 23d December, 1841, when the following Officers were installed, viz: Daniel Hersey, M. W. G. M.; Thomas Barr, R. W. D. G. M.; Aaron Andrews, R. W. G. W.; Albert Guild, R. W. G. Sec'y and Treas.

† *Grand Lodge of Illinois*.—This revival and removal was consummated April 23th, 1842.

Resolved, That in regard to the applications and remonstrances from sundry subordinate Encampments of the state of Virginia, for and against a charter for a Grand Encampment, that a charter for a Grand Encampment be granted by this Body, if applied for by a majority of the subordinate Encampments, in such form as is prescribed by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

NAPOLEON B. LEIDY,
THOMAS WILDEY,
JAMES L. RIDGELY.

Rep. Leidy, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on the State of the Order, submitted a report and resolutions, relative to the Regalia of the Order, which was ordered to lie on the table.

The hour of 12 o'clock having arrived, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the installation of the Grand Officers elect, when P. G. E. JOHN A. KENNEDY, the Grand Sire elect, being presented, divested of regalia, by P. G. Sires Glazier and Wildey, at the foot of the Chair, was met by the R. W. Grand Chaplain, examined by him, as to his grade in the Patriarchal Order, and solemnly qualified in the O. B. N. of his office. Grand Sire Kennedy having now been clothed with the regalia of office, was formally conducted to the Chair, by Past Grand Sires Glazier and Wildey, the officiating masters of ceremony, and proclaimed the duly installed *M. W. Grand Sire*, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of America, after the ancient form and ceremony.

Deputy Grand Sire HORN R. KNEASS, P. G. M.—Grand Recording and Corresponding Secretary JAMES L. RIDGELY, P. G. M., and Grand Treasurer ANDREW E. WARNER, P. G. M., were then duly installed in their respective offices, by Grand Sire Kennedy.

The ceremony of installation being closed, the Grand Sire appointed the following Grand Officers, by and with the advice and consent of the Grand Lodge, as required by the Constitution.

P. G. M. ISAAC HEFLEY, of Ohio, W. G. Marshal.
Rev. P. G. ISAAC D. WILLIAMSON, of New York, W. G. Chaplain.
P. G. WILLIAM WARREN, of Maryland, W. G. Guardian.
P. G. JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN, of Maryland, W. G. Messenger.

The Grand Lodge resumed the consideration of business, when P. G. Sire Glazier, of Delaware, moved that the Grand Lodge now take up the appeal of the late Representative of Delaware, from the decision of the Chair, which determined that it was competent for the Grand Lodge at any time during the session, to entertain a motion to re-consider *any* of its acts during the session, which appeal was now laying on the table.

The question being put by the Chair, will the Grand Lodge take up and consider the said appeal? it was decided in the affirmative.

And the question being put, "Shall the decision of the Chair (P. G. Sire Glazier then presiding,) stand as the judgment of the Grand Lodge?" it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS—Rep's Marley, Warner, Leidy, McKeldon, Hull, Taylor, Lucas, Bayley, and P. G. Sire Glazier—9.

NAYS—Rep's Cook, Davids, Neilson, Ridgely, and P. G. Sire Wildey—5.

Rep. Bradley, of Connecticut asked and obtained leave to be excused from voting.

So the decision of the Chair was sustained, and the Grand Lodge decided that it was competent to entertain a motion to re-consider a vote adopting an amendment to the Constitution, during the same session in which the amendment was adopted.

Rep. Bradley, of Connecticut, then asked and obtained leave to withdraw the resolution offered by him, to re-consider the vote adopting the amendment to the Constitution, under consideration.

The motion to re-consider was renewed by Rep. Bayley, of Missouri, who voted in the affirmative, upon adopting the amendment to the Constitution; but no Representative who was qualified by the character of his vote, appearing to second the motion of Rep. Bayley, of Missouri, the motion was declared out of order by the Chair.

Rep. Marley, of Maryland, seconded by Rep. Warner, of Maryland, moved that the Grand Lodge re-consider the vote taken, rejecting the appeal of Rep. Kennedy, of Delaware, from the decision of the Chair, when the vote by states being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS—Rep's Marley and Warner, of Maryland; Cook and Davids, of New York; Neilson, of Indiana; Wildey, of Mississippi; and Bradley, of Connecticut—7.

NAYS—Rep's Hopkins and Liedy, of Pennsylvania; McKeldon, of District of Columbia; Hull, of Virginia, 2 votes; Lucas, of Louisiana; Taylor and Ridgely, of Ohio; Bayley, of Missouri; and P. G. Sire Glazier—10.

So the Grand Lodge refused to re-consider the vote, by which the decision of G. Sire Glazier had been sustained.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned to three o'clock, this afternoon.

FRIDAY, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, the Officers and a due representation.

On motion of Rep. Neilson, of Indiana, leave of absence was granted to Rep. Leidy, of Pennsylvania, for the remainder of the session.

On motion of Rep. Bradley, of Connecticut, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That the yearly P. W. to be forwarded by the Grand Sire, go into use on the 1st day of January, annually; and in the contingency that no communication of this Grand Lodge be held in the interim, the Grand Sire shall, nevertheless, forward a P. W., as in the above case made and provided.

On motion of Rep. Leidy, of Pennsylvania, it was

Resolved, That the sum of fifty dollars be allowed hereafter to the Grand Treasurer, until otherwise ordered.

Rep. McKeldon, of District of Columbia, offered the following:

Whereas, The amendment to the Constitution, adopted at the present session, providing for the representation of Grand Encampments in the Grand Lodge of the United States, upon the basis of the representation of state Grand Lodges, it is believed was passed without due deliberation, and ought, therefore, be again submitted to the consideration of the Grand Lodge of the United States; therefore,

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Grand Lodge of the United States, at its next session, to strike from the Constitution the said amendment.

The vote by states being required upon the passage of the same, appeared as follows:

YEAS—Rep's McKeldon, of District of Columbia; Hull, of Virginia, 2 votes; Taylor and Ridgely, of Ohio; Neilson, of Indiana; Wildey, of Mississippi; and Bayley, of Missouri—8.

NAYS—Rep's Marley and Warner, of Maryland; Cook and Davids, of New York; and Bradley, of Connecticut—5.

So the preamble and resolution was adopted.

Rep. McKeldon, of District of Columbia, seconded by P. G. Sire Glazier, offered the following proposition to amend the Constitution, which was ordered to lie on the table until the next Annual Session, as required by the Constitution, viz:

"That the Constitution be so amended, as to strike out so much therefrom as authorizes a representation from Grand Encampments upon the same terms as state Grand Lodges are now represented."

On motion of Rep. Hull, of Virginia, the Grand Lodge proceeded to elect by ballot, an Editor for "The Covenant and Official Magazine of the Grand Lodge of the United States."

Rep. McKeldon, of District of Columbia, nominated P. G. M. James L. Ridgely, of Maryland.

Rep. Bayley, of Missouri, nominated P. G. Rev. Isaac D. Williamson, of New York.

The Chair appointed Rep's Wildey, of Mississippi, and Bayley, of Missouri, as tellers, who having received the ballots of the Representatives and P. G. Sires, as they were respectively called, and counted the same, reported that P. G. M. James L. Ridgely had received a majority of all the votes taken.

Whereupon, the Grand Sire announced that P. G. M. James L. Ridgely, of Maryland, was elected Editor of the "Covenant and Official Magazine, of the Grand Lodge of the United States."

On motion of Rep. Davids, of New York, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of an "Agent," as provided for in the resolution, accompanying the report of the committee on the Covenant heretofore adopted.

Rep. Davids, of New York, nominated P. G. Sire Wildey, of Maryland.

Rep. Hull, of Virginia, nominated P. G. McCabe, of Virginia.

The Chair appointed Rep's Davids of New York, and Bayley, of Missouri, as tellers, who having received the ballots of the Representatives and P. G. Sires as they were respectively called and counted the same, reported that P. G. Sire Thomas Wildey, had received a majority of all the votes taken.

Whereupon the Chair announced that P. G. Sire Thomas Wildey, of Maryland, was duly chosen Agent for the "Covenant and Official Magazine of the Grand Lodge of the United States."

On motion of Rep. Cook, of New York, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of the Board of Supervision of the "Covenant," of the first class, to serve one year, pursuant to the resolution accompanying the report of the committee on that subject, when it appeared that

P. G. Sire Samuel H. Perkins, of Pennsylvania,
P. G. M. Howell Hopkins, of Pennsylvania,
P. G. Origen A. Kingsley, of New York,
P. G. M. William W. Moore, of District of Columbia,
P. G. Rev. Charles W. Bradley, of Connecticut,

were duly chosen the Board of Supervision of "the Covenant and Official Magazine of the Grand Lodge of the United States," of the first class.

On motion of Rep. Taylor, of Ohio, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of the Board of Supervision of the second class, to serve two years, when it appeared that

P. G. M. William S. Stewart, of Missouri,
P. G. George W. Clinton, of New York,
D. G. M. Charles Thomas, of Ohio,
P. G. M. M. Ruffner, of Mississippi,
G. M. Richard Marley, of Maryland,

were duly chosen, the Board of Supervision, of the second class of the "Covenant and Official Magazine of the Grand Lodge of the United States."

On motion of Rep. Marley, of Maryland, it was

Resolved, That the Agent of the Covenant be, and he is hereby instructed to furnish each brother with a copy of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, who shall signify his wish at the time of subscribing for the Covenant, at a charge of twelve and a half cents for each copy, and that the Corresponding Secretary deliver to the Agent, for that purpose, such number of copies as he may require, charging him for the same.

On motion of Rep. Ridgely, of Ohio, it was

Ordered, That 1500 copies of the Journal of Proceedings of the present session be printed, the whole number of which, over and above the quantity required by him for distribution to the subordinates to this jurisdiction, according to the regulation adopted at the last session, be delivered to the Agent for sale, by the Grand Secretary, taking his receipt for the same.

Rep. Neilson of Indiana, offered the following, which was adopted.

Resolved, That a blank Diploma, to be signed by the R. W. Grand Officers, be awarded to each Grand Representative of this Grand Lodge, who has not already received such certificate; the same to be filled according to the form prescribed on page 311, of the printed journal of 1840, at the expense of the holder thereof, and the Grand Sire be authorized to have an edition of one hundred copies of the Diploma struck off for that purpose, omitting the names thereon.

On motion of Rep. Ridgely, of Ohio, it was

Resolved, That if a majority of the subordinate lodges shall have united in the said application, and agreed upon the place to which the Grand Lodge of Indiana* is desired to be removed, that the Grand Sire be empowered to authorize the said removal.

On motion of Rep. Cook, of New York, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Sire be authorized, upon proper application made for that purpose in the recess, to issue his dispensation for the formation of state Grand Lodges or Encampments.

On motion of Rep. Ridgely, of Ohio, it was

Resolved unanimously, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge are eminently due to P. G. Sire Zenas B. Glazier, for his efficient discharge of the duties of the office of Grand Sire for the past two years, and for the able, impartial, urbane, and courteous manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of this body, during its sessions.

Resolved further, That the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby directed to present, on behalf of this Grand Lodge, to P. G. Sire Zenas B. Glazier, a Diploma, embodying on the face thereof, the foregoing resolution, duly attested with the seal of the Grand Lodge, and the signatures of the Grand Officers thereof.

Rep. Wildey of Mississippi, submitted the following amendment to the Constitution, which was read and ordered to lie over until the next session, as required by the Constitution.

* Grand Lodge of Indiana.—This removal was effected in 1842.

Strike out so much thereof as requires a majority of State Grand Lodges, by Representatives or Proxies, to constitute a quorum, and substitute therefor the following words, "the Representatives or Proxies of seven states, districts or territories, may form a quorum."

Rep. Taylor, of Ohio, in obedience to instructions from that state, offered the following resolution.

Resolved, That in future no charter shall be granted to subordinate lodges, or other branches of the Order, by this Grand Lodge, or any state or territorial Grand Lodge working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, to work in any other language than the English.

The resolution being put upon its passage, the vote by states was required, and appeared as follows:

YEAS—Rep's Taylor and Ridgely, of Ohio—2.

NAYS—Rep's Marley and Warner, of Maryland; Cook and Davis, of New York; McKeldon, of District of Columbia; Hull, of Virginia, 2 votes; Neilson, of Indiana; Wildey, of Mississippi; Bayley, of Missouri, and Bradley, of Connecticut—11.

So the resolution was rejected.

On motion of P. G. Sire Wildey, it was

Ordered, That the Grand Treasurer pay to P. G. J. E. Chamberlain the usual allowance for his services as Messenger, during the present session, and his account for preparing charters and furnishing daily papers to the Representatives.

On motion of Rep. Taylor, of Ohio, it was

Resolved, unanimously, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge of the United States, are hereby presented to the Grand Lodge of Maryland for the use of their Hall, for this session of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

After prayer from the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Lodge closed the Annual Session.

JAMES L. RIDGELY,
Grand Recording and Corresponding Secretary.

Dr. GRAND LODGE of U. S., in account with A. E. WARNER, G. Treas. Ca.

1840.	1840.
Oct. 30, To cash J. G. Sawkins, portrait, - \$50 00	Oct. 10, By balance in treasury, \$393 73
Nov. 30, " Wm. G. Cook, salary, 20 00	" " By cash received for Diplomas, - 112 50
" " J. G. Sawkins, portrait, 150 00	1841.
1841.	Sept. 23, " from Grand Secretary, - 932 65
Feb. 22, " R. Neilson, printing, 100 00	
" " Note returned, - 5 00	
Mar. 13 " N. Hickman, bill, - 13 81	
April 15 " J. C. Robinson, bill, 23 33	
June 21 " J. G. Sawkins, port., 150 00	
" 29 " J. M. Anderson, Seal, 50 00	
Sept. 23 " I. D. Williamson, bill, 50 00	
" 4 " H. R. Kneass, bill, 20 00	
" " " J. L. Ridgely, - 281 13	
" " " Z. B. Glazier, bill, 300 00	
" 26 " R. Neilson, bill, - 45 50	
" " " J. E. Chamberlain, bill, 24 75	
Oct. 12 " P. G. S. T. Wildey, bill, - 2 80	
" Balance on hand, - 51 56	
\$1337 88	\$1337 88

Annual Report of Grand and Subordinate Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., for the year ending September, 1841.

LODGES.	Where held.	States.	No. of Lodges.	Initiations.	Suspensions.	Expulsions.	Past Grands.	P. G. Masters.	Revenue of Subordinate Lodges.	Contrib'g Members.	No. of Brothers relieved.	No. of Brothers buried.	Amount paid for relief of Brothers.	Amount paid for relief of Widowed Paupers.	Amount paid for education of Orphans.	Amount paid for burying the dead.	Total amount of relief.
G L. of Maryland,	Baltimore,	Md.	28	556	107	2	343	9	\$18,260 24	2,119	244	14	2,906 14	698 32	384 26	835 00	4,551 72
" New York,	New York,	N. Y.	42	4368	196	13	541	9	96,799 51	6,681	787	25	6,785 81	609 58	303 27	1144 69	10,833 05
" Pennsylvania,	Philadelphia,	Penn.	47	670	312	12	...	11	15,380 61	3,618	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" District of Columbia,	Washington,	D. C.	7	119	30	...	...	4	2,523 81	465	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Delaware,	Wilmington,	Del.	3	112	32	...	12	4	2,222 00	463	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Ohio,	Cincinnati,	Ohio	10	174	4	56	86	6	7,154 46	1,241	...	...	1,135 76	300 97	...	...	1,496 62
" Louisiana,	New Orleans,	La.	2	3	15	...	...	...	...	146	...	...	...	...	13 25	...	...
" New Jersey,	Trenton,	N. J.	2	20	15	...	...	...	677 73	184	...	...	285 00	33 25	...	...	291 51
" Kentucky,	Louisville,	Ky.	7	123	47	5	69	5	4,114 12	472	...	...	334 81	...	...	...	528 81
" Virginia,	Richmond,	Va.	19	371	63	30	...	3	9,451 10	1,525	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Indiana,	New Albany,	Ind.	6	86	11	...	...	...	2,457 69	368	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Mississippi,	Natchez,	Ms.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Missouri,	St. Louis,	Mo.	4	68	15	2	58	3	2,204 00	226	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Illinois,	Alton,	Ill.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Connecticut,	New Haven,	Conn.	5	100	11	...	15	1	1,769 60	339	21	...	385 00	15 00	...	30 00	430 00
" Tennessee,	Nashville,	Tenn.	2	54	9	1	...	...	774 62	106	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Texas,	Houston,	Texas,	3	35	...	1	...	...	1,116 02	69	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" South Carolina,	Charleston,	S. C.	2	76	...	...	...	...	1,440 33	161	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" No. 1,	Mineral Point,	W. T.	1	2	82	...	...	...	246 43	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Alabama,	Mobile,	Ala.	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" No. 2,	Little Rock,	Ark.	1	6	...	...	...	...	192 00	48	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Far West,	Bozton,	Mass.	1	3	...	...	...	...	162 50	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Maine,	Lowell,	Mass.	2	11	6	...	...	...	157 00	85	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Massachusetts,	Black Creek,	E. Fla.	1	13	...	...	...	...	523 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Florida,	Weldon,	N. C.	1	13	...	...	...	...	309 75	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Weldon,	Weldon,	N. C.	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			199	6222	880	161	888	64	\$115,578 11	17,864	1031	39	\$13,796 51	\$1026 85	\$700 75	\$700 00	\$18,651 70

Annual Report of Grand and Subordinate Encampments to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., for the year ending September, 1841.

ENCAMPMENTS.	Where held.	States.	No. of Subordinates.	Initiations.	Suspensions.	Expulsions.	Revenue.	Contributing Members.	Remarks.
G. E. of Maryland,	Baltimore,	Md.	7	140	3	1	1825 07	244	No Report.
" New York,	New York,	N. Y.	3	31	...	...	771 00	227	
" Ohio,	Cincinnati,	Ohio,	...	...	...	...	...	...	No Report.
" Kentucky,	Louisville,	Ky.	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Pennsylvania,	Philadelphia,	Penn.	...	...	...	...	...	...
Columbia, No. 1,	Washington,	D. C.	2	31	1	...	216 39	50	
Marley, " 2,	Alexandria,	D. C.	...	26	...	...	222 62	32	
Willey, " 1,	New Orleans,	La.	2	...	...	...	...	...	No Report.
Louisiana, " 2,	St. Francis,	La.	...	2	...	...	200 00	10	
Delaware, " 1,	Wilmington,	Del.	1	...	...	...	...	...	No Report.
Trenton, " 2,	Trenton,	N. J.	1	6	2	1	72 00	26	
Abram's, " 1,	Wheeling,	...	...	23	3	1	456 25	26	
Neileon, " 2,	Richmond,	...	...	15	...	...	196 87	78	
Willey, " 3,	Portsmouth,	...	...	5	...	...	125 39	55	
Jerusalem, " 4,	Norfolk,	Va.	7	7	...	...	146 14	45	
Widows' Friend, " 5,	Winchester,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	No Report.
Glazier, " 7,	Petersburg,	...	...	20	...	...	195 93	22	
Virginia, " 8,	Lynchburg,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	No Report.
Mt. Ararat, " 1,	Mobile,	Ala.	1	...	...	...	...	...
Willey, " 1,	Natchez,	Ms.	2	4	8	...	170 00	30	
Vicksburg, " 2,	Vicksburg,	Mo.	1	...	...	...	230 75	...	No Report.
Willey, " 1,	St. Louis,	Mo.	1	...	...	...	...	...
Jerusalem, " 1,	New Albany,	Ind.	2	...	...	...	...	...
Willey, " 2,	Madison,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Willey, " 1,	Alton,	Ill.	2	...	...	...	...	...
Chosen Friend, " 2,	Galena,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Willey, " 1,	Mineral Point,	W. T.	1	...	...	...	...	...
Sasacan, " 1,	New Haven,	Conn.	2	...	...	...	...	...
Oriental, " 2,	E. Haddam,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			34	220	17	3	\$4,898 41	834	

Expulsions.

MARYLAND.—No. 8, Thomas Sappington; No. 31, C. Bonner; No. 34, William Harn. Improper conduct.

NEW YORK.—No. 10, Thomas P. Teale; No. 14, Charles Allis; No. 17, Richard Wilkinson; No. 18, Benjamin Northrop; No. 20, David M. Brown and Daniel Driver; No. 23, Edward Walford; No. 24, Francis Bonestall; No. 30, Darius F. Root; No. 34, Benjamin Devoy; No. 36, John Snill; No. 43, Charles Geutal. Improper conduct.

PENNSYLVANIA.—Names not reported.

OHIO.—No. 3, Thed. M. Shield and J. Cartinell; No. 4, Daniel B. Johnson; No. 7, Abraham Snyder; No. 9, C. A. Howell. Improper conduct.

KENTUCKY.—6, names not reported. Intemperance.

INDIANA.—1, name not reported. Improper conduct.

MISSOURI.—No. 1, Engle Hart Clemens. Improper conduct.

VIRGINIA.—No. 1, Peter W. Kenaday; No. 2, Olway Smith; No. 4, William A. Crane. Improper conduct.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION
OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES,

Held at the City of Baltimore, September, 1842.

MONDAY, September 19th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge convened this day, at Odd Fellows' Hall, city of Baltimore, being the regular Annual Communication, when the following were present:

JOHN A. KENNEDY,	M. W. G. Sire.
HORN R. KNEASS,	R. W. D. G. Sire.
JAMES L. RIDGELY,	R. W. G. C. & R. Secretary.
ANDREW E. WARNER,	R. W. G. Treasurer.
WILLIAM WARREN,	W. G. Guardian.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN,	W. G. Messenger.

The Grand Secretary presented the certificates of the Representatives of the several Grand Lodges and Encampments, viz:

GRAND LODGES.

P. G. M. RICHARD MARLEY,	Rep. of Maryland.
P. G. Sec. ALBERT GUILD,	Rep. of Massachusetts.
P. G. M. WILSON SMALL,	} Reps. of New York.
P. G. JAMES JORDAN,	
P. G. M. JACOB HUBELIE,	} Reps. of Pennsylvania.
P. G. M. JOHN W. STOKES,	
P. D. G. Sire WILLIAM W. MOORE,	Rep. of District of Columbia.
P. G. NAPOLEON B. LEIDY,	Proxy Rep. of Delaware.
P. G. M. CHARLES THOMAS,	Rep. of Ohio.
P. G. M. SAMUEL LUCAS,	Proxy Rep. of Louisiana.
P. G. RICHARD BRANDT,	Rep. of New Jersey.
P. G. WILLIAM A. TYLER,	Proxy Rep. of Kentucky.
P. G. JACOB HULL, Jr.,	} Rep. of Virginia.
P. G. WILLIAM M. ENGLISH,	
P. G. Sire THOMAS WILDEY,	Proxy Rep. of Mississippi.
P. G. M. WILLIAM S. STEWART,	Rep. of Missouri.
P. G. M. CHRISTIAN BUCHER,	Rep. of Indiana.
P. G. ROBINSON S. HINMAN,	Rep. of Connecticut.
G. M. ALBERT CASE,	Rep. of South Carolina.
P. G. M. JAMES L. RIDGELY,	Proxy Rep. of Alabama.

GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

P. G. P. ROBERT NEILSON,	Rep. of Maryland.
P. G. P. CHARLES MCGOWAN,	Rep. of New York.

It appearing that a constitutional quorum was present, the D. Grand Sire was directed to examine the Representatives.

The D. Grand Sire reported that the Representatives present were duly qualified ; and then by order of the Grand Sire, proclaimed the Grand Lodge duly opened for the transaction of business.

The Grand Sire announced the appointment of G. M. ALBERT CASE, of South Carolina, as W. G. Chaplain. *pro tem.*, and P. G. Sec. WILLIAM CURTIS, of Pennsylvania, as W. G. Marshal, *pro tem.*

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Sire announced Rep's Neilson, of Maryland ; Brandt, of New Jersey ; and Guild, of Massachusetts, as the committee to examine the credentials of the Representatives.

Rep. Leidy, of Delaware, presented a paper, being in the nature of a remonstrance from the Grand Lodge of Delaware, against the right of Representatives elect from Grand Encampments, to a seat in the Grand Lodge of the United States, which was read, and on motion referred to the committee to whom was referred the credentials of the Representatives.

On motion of Rep. Hinman, of Connecticut, the resolution to refer the remonstrance from the Grand Lodge of Delaware to the committee on credentials, was re-considered, when the paper was ordered to lie on the table.

Rep. Neilson, of Maryland, from the committee on credentials, submitted the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The committee appointed to examine the credentials of the Representatives from Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments to the Grand Lodge of the United States, have attended to that duty, and beg leave to report the brethren as duly entitled to their seats at the present communication.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ROBERT NEILSON,
RICHARD BRANDT,
ALBERT GUILD.

Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, moved that so much of the report of the committee on credentials as relates to the election of Representatives and Proxies from state Grand Lodges, be accepted.

Rep. McGowan, of New York, moved to amend, by adding the words and "Grand Encampments," after the words "Grand Lodges."

P. G. Sire Glazier moved as a substitute, that the Grand Lodge proceed to consider the right of the Representatives elect to seats in this body, in the order in which the states are arranged.

On the question being taken on the substitute, it was decided in the negative.

The question being then taken upon the amendment offered by Rep. McGowan, of New York, it was decided in the affirmative.

The question recurring upon the resolution of Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, as amended, it was determined in the affirmative.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until this afternoon, at four o'clock.

MONDAY, 4 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, the same Officers and Representatives as of the morning session.

The journal of proceedings of the morning session was read and approved.

The Grand Secretary presented the credentials of P. G. P. Andrew C. Hewitt, Representative from the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, which were referred to the committee on credentials.

Rep. Neilson, from the committee on credentials, reported favorably upon the credentials of Rep. Hewitt, of Pennsylvania, which was accepted. Rep. HEWITT, of Pennsylvania, then appeared and took his seat.

The Grand Sire announced the appointment of the following Standing Committees.

On the State of the Order.—Rep's Moore, of District of Columbia; Ridgely, of Alabama; and Hubelic, of Pennsylvania.

On Petitions.—Rep's Small, of New York; Leidy, of Delaware; and Thomas, of Ohio.

On Returns.—Rep's Marley, of Maryland; English, of Virginia; and Bucher, of Indiana.

The Grand Sire presented the following, being his Annual Report, which was read.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

In presenting to the Grand Lodge the report required under the Constitution, it is a source of gratification to the Grand Sire to be enabled to congratulate the assembled Representatives on the increasing prosperity which, in almost every portion of our jurisdiction, continues to crown the efforts made in the cause of Odd Fellowship. At no period, since the introduction of the Order into the Western Hemisphere, have we had more abundant cause to raise thankful hearts in gratitude toward a smiling Providence, which has fostered our feeble efforts in spreading abroad the principles by which we are influenced, and has returned to us the rich harvest of abundance, in strength, harmony and brotherly love.

The history of our fraternity in this country has been, from the moment of its permanent establishment here, little else than the recital of a continued triumph over every impediment to successful results. In its onward march it has had to encounter various obstacles, none of which, however, proved of sufficient avail to check its progress: on the contrary, in several instances, that which at first was deemed a hindrance was found in the end to be a facility. But unfortunately, this result did not apply to every case, and the whole Order has experienced inconvenience and perplexity where it had the least reason to expect it. Among the most prolific sources of such annoyance, has been the imperfect state of official intercourse and communication with our foreign co-ordinates: more particularly with that branch of the Order in Great Britain, under the rule of the Manchester Unity. The benefit of frequent and regular intercourse with that respectable body, was a matter of early solicitude; and the advantage of it was urged on our trans-atlantic brethren, with all the earnestness of a perfect sincerity. Sixteen years since, the authorities of the Order in the United

States commissioned their presiding officer to proceed to England, and, if possible, to secure uniformity of work, and an earnest for the reciprocation of civilities and official communication. That mission was generally successful so far as it related to the work; but the arrangements for perpetuating its continuance, through an unlimited confidence in the integrity and high-mindedness of the other party, were imperfect and undefined—each being left without restraint to introduce changes in work and charges, without consulting the wishes or feelings of the other, except by an implied understanding not to act under such licence; nor was any obligatory provision made for regular and periodical intercourse by official correspondence.

To these omissions are to be attributed, in a great degree, the present unsettled state of our foreign relations. From the period alluded to, up to the present time, the correspondence has been irregular and entirely unsatisfactory, on the part of the authorities in Great Britain; consisting of one or two letters in gratulatory form, and an occasional transmission of printed reports. It has ever been, nevertheless, the constant and unremitting object of our predecessors to endeavour to allure our foreign brethren into a course of more close and abiding fellowship: formal and affectionate epistles have been forwarded, year after year, to their permanent Board of Officers, few of which, if any, have received the courtesy of a reply. Committees were raised expressly to open and conduct, with those officers, correspondence on questions of the utmost importance to the well-being of the Order, and the perpetuity of necessary intercourse. Their communications in like manner have remained unattended to. Among the subjects thus brought to their notice, was that of reformation in the manner of conducting a lodge, to exclude therefrom the convivialities which distinguish their mode of proceedings. The communication on this vital subject, was addressed in the most respectful and decorous terms, to the Grand Annual Moveable Committee of 1836, but its friendly admonitions were equally disregarded.

After it had been in some degree satisfactorily ascertained by means of irregular information, obtained from travelling brothers, and by private correspondence, (while the constituted authorities had failed to communicate with us in any manner,) that a great and radical change had been made by them in the peculiar language and work of the Order within their limits; they were repeatedly addressed on the subject by committees and officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States, soliciting official information as to whether the rumored changes had in reality taken place; and, if so, requesting such information as would explain the necessity for the steps taken, and to furnish official copies of the recently adopted mode, with adequate instructions as to its use. These oft-repeated entreaties were among those so systematically disregarded; nor, was it until the complaints of their own travelling members awakened them to the reality of their unrecognized condition in this jurisdiction, that the subject appeared of sufficient importance to merit the slightest attention. The earliest disposition evinced to provide for the transmission of the altered work to this country, was by the Annual Moveable Committee of 1841; and the extraordinary manner in which it was proposed to be done, remains so fresh in the recollection of every member of the Order in the United States, as to

require little else than a bare allusion to the very singular report and offensive resolution then adopted, not only to bring them fairly to our view, but to remind us of the mild and conciliatory course pursued by the Grand Lodge, when they were laid before it; asserting with true dignity its independence of all foreign controlment or authority; but, for the sake of preserving, if possible, uniform work and uniform language, it magnanimously provided for the appointment of a proper deputation to proceed to the seat of the Order in Great Britain, and negotiate with the authorities there for permanent identity.

Immediately on the adjournment of the late session, the measures providing for the obtaining of sufficient means to meet the necessary expenses of the deputation, were put into operation; and attested copies of the proceedings were forwarded to Manchester, notifying the Board of Directors of the action had by the Grand Lodge of the United States. In connection with which, the Grand Corresponding Secretary prepared a letter, in obedience to an order made during the session, "mildly but firmly protesting against any attempt on the part of the Annual Moveable Committee to interfere with the Order in the United States." With entire satisfaction you are referred to this communication, which will be submitted to you by that officer. A favorable opportunity presenting itself for the safe delivery of the letter, in the person of P. G. M. James Alcock, of New York, who was about to visit England, he was duly commissioned to be the bearer of the document, and authorized to receive such reply as might be entrusted to him.

The Grand Sire availed himself of the facility thus afforded to communicate with the official head of the Order there, explanatory of the mode of admitting brothers of foreign lodges into lodges of the United States, which had appeared to have been very grossly misunderstood. Copies of the documents alluded to, are herewith submitted.

By the report of P. G. M. James Alcock, it will be seen that he was cordially received by the Board of Directors, and that a portion of the information so long sought fruitlessly, was imparted to him. Copies of the charges and lectures adopted in 1834 were forwarded in his care, as well as instructions in their mode of work.

Very shortly subsequent to the transmission of the letter of the Grand Corresponding Secretary, information was received that extensive notice had been promulged from the Board Room in Manchester, throughout the provinces, of the expected presence of the deputation provided for by the Grand Lodge of the United States, at the ensuing meeting of the Annual Moveable Committee, at Wigan. The intelligence thus received of the preparations making on the part of our trans-atlantic brethren, to meet us promptly in the negotiation; the disadvantages likely to result from unnecessary delay, in bringing the points of controversy to a speedy termination; the very promising amounts reported to the Grand Secretary as having been appropriated, in response to the call of the Grand Lodge of the United States, as means to defray expenses; and, in the opinion of the Grand Sire, the time having arrived contemplated by the Grand Lodge for the requisite appointments to be made, he, with much deference to the abundance of talent and experience every where presenting itself as suitable for the task, and after the most serious and deliberate consideration of

the momentous duty he was performing proffered the appointment to two of your Grand Officers; and duly commissioned* P. G. M. James L. Ridgely, Grand Corresponding Secretary, and P. G. Isaac D. Williamson, Grand Chaplain, to the important embassy. It is proper, however, to observe, that the latter named brother was invited to participate in the deputation only, when the Grand Sire had learnt that P. G. M. Howell Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, to whom it had been previously offered, was constrained, by a press of private engagements, respectfully to decline its acceptance. The intelligence of the necessity which compelled the declination of the worthy brother, was received with regret, in view of his distinguished standing in the Order, his great experience in its concerns, and his long and useful connexion with the legislation of the Grand Lodge of the United States. Under the resolution of authority, the necessary instructions† for the deputation were delivered to them, with their creden-

* *Duly commissioned.*—The following is the form of the commission which was issued to each member of the deputation.

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.
Friendship, Love and Truth.

To all to whom these presents may come :

We, _____, Most Worthy Grand Sire of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in and for the United States of America, (and for the republic of Texas,) and the entire Jurisdiction belonging thereto, send greeting :

Know ye, that by virtue of the powers in us vested, we have, and by this warrant do hereby commission and appoint our well beloved brother _____, especial deputy and plenipotentiary on behalf of our Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, to repair to the seat of government of the Manchester Unity, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in the kingdom of Great Britain, and there, or at any other place duly appointed, to treat of, negotiate for, and if practicable to conclude with the Annual Moveable Committee of the Order, or any other body duly authorized thereto, a uniform system of work, as the only legitimate language of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows throughout the globe—subject to confirmation by the Grand Lodge of the United States. And reposing special confidence in his zeal and ability, we do fully empower him to bear with him our heart-felt love and affection for our brethren in Great Britain, our congratulations upon the universal prosperity of our Order, and our fervent prayers for a continuance of their unexampled efforts in the cause of humanity. We, therefore, affectionately commend him to the love and kindness of our beloved brethren, and to all legal lodges of the Independent Order.

Done at the city of New York, in the state of New York, United States of America, this fourth day of April, A. D. 1842, and of our Order in the United States, the twenty-third.

_____, Grand Sire.

† *Necessary instructions.*—It is deemed not at all improper, at this time, to furnish the instructions under which the Deputies acted.

I. O. of O. F.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SIRE OF THE UNITED STATES, {
New York, April 4th, 1842. **}**

To P. G. M. James L. Ridgely, and G. Chap. Isaac D. Williamson, Especial Deputies, Plenipotentiaries, etc. etc.

Respected Brethren :

The Grand Lodge of the United States of America, at the Session of September, A. D. 1841, having provided, "that so soon as sufficient funds can be procured to defray the expense, one or more members of the Order shall be appointed to visit England, with instructions to confer with the Manchester Unity, or any other body of Odd Fellows, on the subject of the difference in the work of the Order, and to use their best endeavours to procure a return to the ancient work." And it being apparent that sufficient funds have been already proffered, by those on whom the call has been made for contribution, to defray the expense of one Deputy; and from the anxiety manifested by the greater portion of the Order at large, it has become evident that the entire requisite amount for at least two will be forthcoming in season: And also, from information on which we can with propriety rely, it appears that preparations are making by our brethren in Great Britain, for the reception of the deputation from this jurisdiction, at the ensuing A. M. C., and that arrangements are in progress for meeting in a becoming spirit the proposition of the Grand Lodge of the United States: By virtue of the constitutional powers vested in the Grand Sire, you have been this day appointed Especial Deputies and Plenipotentiaries on behalf of the Grand Lodge of the United States; and as such, it is made your duty to repair with all possible despatch to the seat of government of the Manchester Unity, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in the kingdom of Great Britain, and there, or at Wigan, in the county of Lancaster, in said kingdom, on the 16th of May next, or at any other place, or time not more than thirty days later, or duly appointed, "to treat of, negotiate for, and if practicable conclude with the Annual Moveable Committee of the Order, or any other body duly authorized thereto, a uniform system of work, as the only legitimate language of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows throughout the globe." And that, in the performance of this duty, you will be mainly governed in your exertions by a desire to accomplish, and for which purpose to use your best endeavours to procure a return to the ancient work of the Order.

From the report of the committee embracing the resolutions under which this deputation is appointed, and which, by being adopted by the Grand Lodge of the United States, became her own act,

tials; and were deemed sufficiently minute and comprehensive for the purposes of the mission; embracing therewith as many collateral subjects

it is undoubtedly the main design of the mission to obtain a restoration of the old work. To accomplish so desirable an end, it is expected that you will use every means and ability of which you are possessed, to convince the high party to whom you are accredited: *First*. Of the impropriety of any changes in the work being made, at any time, which are not universal and simultaneous. *Second*. Of the injustice exhibited towards the Order in this hemisphere, by changing radically and effectually the work of the Order in England about the year 1834, and withholding all information in relation to the inducing cause for making such changes, as well as the alterations themselves, from the Grand Lodge of the United States. *Third*. Of the fidelity with which this jurisdiction has maintained and preserved the work as it was received by it. *Fourth*. Of the course pursued by the Grand Lodge of the United States, in relation to the reported changes in the work. And, *Fifth*. Of the hope and expectation with which we look for a restoration of the ancient work of our fathers in the Order.

And

1st. In impressing on the A. M. C., (or other body with whom you may communicate,) the impropriety of changes being made, unless they are co-extensively and simultaneously adopted by the whole Order, it would be well for you not only to advance the argument with a view to what is past, but also to bring under consideration all future action, and, if possible, to secure by contract, of the nature of a treaty, or other compact, between the two jurisdictions, an agreement to consummate no changes in the work, until they have been submitted to the supreme bodies of each jurisdiction, and jointly approved. This will have the effect of not only preventing partial or local changes from taking place, but will afford the most healthy and effective check to the spirit of innovation with which the Order has to contend against, in both jurisdictions.

2d. While portraying the injustice inflicted by the change of the work in England, and withholding all information thereon, you should not limit your argument to that exhibited toward the authorities of the Order in America, but also show, by reference to constantly recurring instances, the exceedingly great injustice done to their own unfortunate members who are on travel in the United States, and who are unable to make themselves known as members of the Order.

3d. The present condition of the work in the United States is perhaps the most conclusive proof of the fidelity with which it has been preserved.

4th. In laying before the A. M. C. the course pursued by the Grand Lodge of the United States, in relation to changes, both projected and consummated, in the work of the Order, you will not fail to impress that body with a proper sense of the anxiety always manifested by this jurisdiction, as well for preserving the work from unnecessary mutation, as for complying with such as may be required by imperious circumstances. In evidence of this disposition, it may become beneficial for you to refer to the manner in which the changes formerly adopted, were considered and acted upon by the two jurisdictions.

Several alterations having been made in the work of the Order, within a short time prior to the year 1834, it became desirable, at so early a period in the history of the Order in this country, to effect an uniformity; for which purpose, the presiding Grand Officer of the Grand Lodge of the United States, at great expense of money and time, visited the seat of the Grand Annual Sovereign Committee, and then and there entered into preliminary arrangements for introducing into this jurisdiction, the changes made in England in the signs, etc., of the Initiatory, and of the entire Royal Purple degree. On the other hand, he imparted to the proper authority of the Order in England, the Covenant and Remembrance degrees, and the principle on which lodges of Past Grandes should be based, and the mode of working the same. These changes, which were agreed upon in a preliminary way to become parts of the work, were in some respects reciprocal, but not altogether so. One party offered for acceptance—*First*, two degrees, of a character deemed very superior to any of those used in the subordinate lodges, as additional honors. They were neither gotten up nor proffered in a mere spirit for change, but as substantial improvements in the work. Their acceptance and adoption did not require a total destruction of the work, and a substitution therefor, nor even the slightest change in any portion of it as it previously existed; they were merely additional honors, attainable by all who should prove worthy and serviceable to the Order, in the increased interest they excited among the membership. And, *Second*, the manner of organizing and working Past Grandes' Lodges. This was offered as a change in the mode of governing the provincial districts, and designed and intended to keep alive a continuous and desirable emulation, and consequent exertion among those who would be best qualified to fill the various lodge offices, and who would, after passing the chairs, become the membership of the legislative body of the district, as are the Grand Committees as at present organized in England. This proposed change was not calculated, however, to overturn any established mode of work, but merely to introduce an additional honor for the deserving, and another manner of performing the duties now executed by the Grand Committees of districts. But the other party to these preliminaries, beside submitting a degree as an additional honor, also presented an entire and total change of the language, signs, etc., of the Initiatory, by which the original work of the Order was annihilated, and another substituted in its place.

These severally were preliminarily adopted, subject to confirmation by the supreme bodies of the Order in England and America. The Grand Lodge of the United States, on the one part, after mature reflection and much hesitancy, finally approved and adopted the whole as it had been so agreed upon. But the A. M. C. of 1837, on the other part, failed in according approbation to all that was adopted preliminarily. That portion of it which was proposed on their part, was approved, as was also so much of the other as relates to the degrees of the Covenant and Remembrance. But notwithstanding the Grand Master and Board of Directors, under the implied obligation existing for a confirmation of the whole, had issued dispensations for opening and constituting a considerable number of Past Grandes' Lodges—the portion in relation to these bodies was rejected, and the charters recalled.

The Order in the United States, since that time, has continued in the work as then agreed upon. No change whatever has been made in R. G. or W., nor of any other kind, except a separate and a verbal revision of the charges and O. B. N., the organization of the Patriarchal degrees, and the changes in the periodical works. Owing to the unfortunate interruption in the correspondence between the two jurisdictions, for a period extending from a out 1833 to the present time, the Grand Lodge of the United States has not been made aware of other changes having been effected by the

as appeared at all advisable or likely to engage, properly, the attention of the conference. Anxious, by a continuation of kind and generous offices,

A. M. C., until years had elapsed after their adoption; and then the information was not received in the ordinary and appropriate mode of communication between one sovereign authority and another, but by rumor and surmise; and was first introduced to the notice of the Grand Lodge of the United States, by P. G. Stre Wilder, on 4th October, 1837, in an informal "statement respecting brethren visiting from England," and the subject was referred to a committee, who reported, "that two years had elapsed since any correspondence had taken place with the Manchester Movable Committee of Great Britain"—that "no advice had been received of the change or difference in the work referred to;" and in view thereof, submitted a resolution, which was adopted, viz:

"Resolved, by the Grand Lodge of the United States, That the Committee of Correspondence be, and they are hereby directed to open a correspondence with the proper authority in Great Britain, for the purpose of ascertaining what alterations, if any, have been made in the work of the Order." [See page 215, of Proceedings of 1837.]

This committee doubtless performed the duty assigned them; and in the course of the year, the Grand Fire also made an ineffectual endeavour to open a correspondence; but at the succeeding session of 1838, no additional information of any kind had been received from the authorities of the Order in Great Britain, and the subject was, by a vote of the Grand Lodge, withdrawn from the Committee of Correspondence, and referred to a special committee. [See page 224, printed Proceedings of 1838.]

The special committee embraced a favorable opportunity, in the following spring, to forward communications on the subject to the A. M. C. of 1839, under cover to William Kitchin; copies of which are hereto appended, marked A, B, C.

By document A, it will be seen that the interruption of intercourse was deplored; circumstances were alluded to, by which we were made sensible that the work had suffered alteration, and that thereby the Order in the two hemispheres had been alienated from each other; the latest action of the Grand Lodge of the United States, in relation thereto, was recited, accompanied by the printed proceedings of that body for 1838; the importance of the subject of correspondence to the partnership was impressed by reference to the beneficial advantages flowing from a removal of all difficulties in communication, and differences in the work; urgently requesting information of the changes made, (if any,) and the causes which led to the adoption of the same, as the ardent desire of the Grand Lodge of the United States; and offers an interchange of travelling passwords, as a means of greater facility than has been heretofore enjoyed.

Document B, being addressed to the Corresponding Secretary of the Order, embraced the object of the communication addressed to the A. M. C., which accompanied it; exhibited the absolute necessity of a similarity of work; regarding it not only necessary that the work should be the same, but that, in addition, a necessity exists for a permanent interchange of travelling passwords.

Document C, is the key alluded to in the foregoing, by which it was proposed to communicate travelling password, or any other information which it might be deemed necessary to protect by cypher.

The only result of these communications was a vote of gratulation on the part of the A. M. C. toward the Order in America, and the receipt of the printed proceedings of the A. M. C., and the travelling password in cypher, with a key accompanying it in the same package.

The communications show for themselves that the proposal to interchange travelling passwords was merely a collateral request of the committee; the main object and the only one which they proposed to be authorized by the Grand Lodge of the United States to urge was that for "the change in the work, and the cause of their being adopted." It was no part of the intention of the committee to propose the interchange as a substitute for work, nor can their request be with any degree of fairness distorted so as to imply such design. That it may unfortunately have been so understood, is not for us to deny; it is quite sufficient to show what was the real proposition, and then to leave our friends the full benefit of a misconception at the time.

At the succeeding session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, April, 1840, the committee made a report under the flattering hope, that what had been received from England was a mere earnest of what was to be followed up in reply; and they promptly recommended carrying into full force the suggestion for the interchange of the travelling password, submitting a resolution to that effect, which was unanimously adopted by the Grand Lodge of the United States, in connection with one of gratulation. [See page 258, proceedings of April Session, 1840.] And that this resolution, on the part of the Grand Lodge of the United States, was not adopted with a view of superseding work, you are referred to the report of the committee, of which Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, was chairman, at the session of 1841. [See page 356, proceedings of 1841.] Such reference is made in this place, with the view of showing that whatever opinions may be entertained on the suggestions of the committee, or the adoption by the Grand Lodge of the United States of a regulation for interchanges of travelling passwords, it is unjust to attribute to either of them the design of substituting a mere password for all the other requirements of the work. The committee, with great force and truth, avow, "that the resolution of April 21st, 1840, made no alteration in the uniformly required proof of membership, by examination in the language of the Order, but only added an additional test to prevent imposition." The entire report just quoted from, is worthy of your special attention, in connection with the subject under consideration, as containing a full and perfect refutation of the opinion that the Grand Lodge of the United States has at any time contributed to the "want of harmony existing between the heads of the Order in the two countries."

The travelling password was accordingly forwarded to the Board of Directors, which course has been followed at each successive change since, unless it may have been neglected in the one for 1841.

Under the impression that the communications of 1839 had not been received in time to be acted on by the A. M. C. of that year, and was necessarily deferred until the succeeding meeting, no further action was taken at the session of October, 1840. The Grand Corresponding Secretary, however, endeavored to preserve the correspondence, and addressed an epistle to the heads of the Manchester Unity, on the general interests of the Order, to which he has not been sufficiently fortunate as to receive a reply. And the matters of difficulty and obstruction remained in the same condition, until the September Session of 1841, when the action was had on which these instructions are based. From the

to reconcile any adverse feeling which might by possibility exist in the minds of those with whom it was desirable to bring about a closer compact, the Grand Sire forwarded, by the deputation, a gratulatory epistle, carefully and appropriately prepared;* and a complete copy of the Work, as used in this jurisdiction; together with full sets of proceedings and magazines, as set forth in accompanying schedule.

The able report of the deputation, which, with its accompaniments and connexions, are herewith submitted, exhibit in the fullest manner the history of their personal intercourse with the Grand Annual Moveable Committee and its subordinates; and the present situation of our relations with that power.

It will be seen, on reference to these documents, that the deputation reached England, on the third day of May last, and immediately repaired to the seat of the authorities of the Order in Manchester, where they explained the object of their mission, and proposed to enter at once on arranging the preliminaries of business. The Grand Master and Board of

whole of which, it is incontestible that the Grand Lodge of the United States has been unremitting in its endeavours to become acquainted with the changes effected, and the motive cause for their adoption; all of which has been ineffectual.

5th. Of the hope and expectation with which we look for a restoration of the ancient work. This hope is based on all of the foregoing grounds of conviction. The impropriety of partial and hasty changes; the injustice these latter ones effected; the fidelity with which the work has been preserved by the Grand Lodge of the United States, and the course pursued in relation to the reported changes by that body. All these are strong grounds on which to rest our hope. But in addition we have the intrinsic value of the old mode, and inferentially from the fact of our English brethren not communicating their changes, for the reason that they are merely temporary, and that they design to change the work further, or to restore the original.

It will be your province to extend the views here given, and to enforce them in such manner as will be most advantageous for the cause in which we are engaged: let no exertion on your part fail of use, but urge the accomplishment of your task with all your energies.

It is a distinct and separate question, and one not contemplated by the Grand Lodge of the United States in the action of September, 1841, to effect an uniformity in any other way than by "a return to the ancient work." If, however, your labors should be unavailing on the direct objects of the mission, and that they may not be wholly lost to the Order, you are authorized to carry your commission into full effect in treating of, negotiating for, and, if practicable, concluding with the before described bodies of Odd Fellows, an uniform system of work as the only legitimate language of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows throughout the globe. And in so doing, you will have the option to use or refuse any portion of the ancient work, or of the work now in use under the jurisdiction of the A. M. C.

You are also authorized and empowered to receive instructions in the work of the Order, as changed by the A. M. C., in 1834, for the purpose of communicating the same to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

And it is also made your special duty to endeavour to obtain from the A. M. C., a formal acknowledgment of the extension of the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, so as to include the continent of America; with the power of establishing, when advisable, independent jurisdictions therein.

These enumerated duties are intrusted for performance to your known prudence, skill and ability, subject to the confirmation of the Grand Lodge of the United States; and with the full expectation that much will be done by you in advancing the interest, the honor, the glory, and the perpetuity of our beloved Order throughout the earth—they are now delivered into your charge.

It is expected of you to make full return in the premises to this office, accompanied by your communications, in full time for the next session of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

With sentiments of the highest regard, I am, brethren, yours in F. L. and T.

JOHN A. KENNEDY, *Grand Sire.*

* *Gratulatory epistle*.—This document was prepared with much care on the face of a blank diploma, in splendid penmanship, and form following:

"We, the M. W. Grand Sire, R. W. D. Grand Sire, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of the United States of America, and jurisdiction thereunto belonging: in Friendship, Love and Truth: To our well beloved Brethren of the Manchester Unity, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, send these presents GREETING, with salutations of peace and good will."

Accept assurances of our high consideration and esteem, our ardent desire to cultivate the spirit of brotherly love, and our fervent prayers for the prosperity of our beloved Order throughout the globe, and particularly within your borders. May the Great Grand Master of the Universe keep you safely from all dangers, and may he crown our joint labors in the cause of humanity with abundant success.

Done at the city of New York, in the state of New York, and United States of America, this fourth day of April, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and forty-two, and of our Order in the United States, the twenty-third.

JOHN A. KENNEDY, *Grand Sire.*

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *G. Cor. Secretary.*

[SEAL.]

HORN R. KNEASS, *D. Grand Sire.*

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *G. Rec. Secretary.*

Directors received them with every evidence of respect, but declined acceding to the proposal, on the ground of want of authority to act, either formally or informally—thus adjourning to the meeting of the Annual Moveable Committee, (which took place on the 16th,) a question of the most vital importance to the Order at large, and of incalculable value to unborn thousands, crowding it in among an infinitude of appeals and other minor local matters, to be disposed of in all its stages in one short week, by a body composed of upward of three hundred members, the greater part of whom, being entirely unacquainted with the nature of the points in controversy, were altogether disqualified to legislate upon them, or in any manner, so suddenly, to determine their merits. At the assembly of the Grand Annual Moveable Committee, the deputation were received with strongly marked honor and attention; and the subject embraced in the objects of the mission were referred to a special sub-committee, composed of brothers of acknowledged talent and distinguished rank in the Order. Very little advance in the conference had been made, when it was proposed by the deputation, to reduce to written form, the substance of all oral communications passing between them: as well for the convenience of themselves, personally, as for transmission to their principals, a history of the progress of the negotiation. This appropriate and necessary plan for conducting intercourse of the kind, was resisted with determination and pertinacity.

Every approach toward conducting the negotiation in diplomatic form having signally failed, instead of arranging the detail of a compact reciprocally, and bringing the parts into such shape as would secure the united sanction of the negotiators, one of the parties presented to the other an *ultimatum*, in the shape of a report to its principal, in which is prescribed the form and terms of agreement; and coupled therewith, a condition known at the time to be incompatible with the fundamental organization of the adverse party;—and although remonstrated with in strong but respectful terms, and the impossibility of compliance, fully set forth, the condition, nevertheless, was insisted on, and the deputation gravely informed by the sub-committee, that "*we see no grounds advanced to induce us to comply with your request in expunging the 8th resolution from our report.*" And thus the matter was suffered to go before the Annual Moveable Committee, by whom it was adopted without being modified, but not without aggravation.

It would have been gratifying to have been enabled to represent the course taken by a body so highly respectable as the Annual Moveable Committee, as liberal and brotherly toward the Order in the United States; but it becomes painfully a duty to present to your earnest consideration, the resolution by which the report of the sub-committee was adopted, registered as "93," in the printed minutes of the Annual Moveable Committee, as follows: "That the report of the sub-committee on the American deputation, be adopted by this Grand Annual Moveable Committee; and in the event of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, &c., not acceding to the resolutions therein contained, that the Officers of the Order and Board of Directors be armed with full power to carry into effect the resolution relative to the Order in America, as passed at the Isle of Man, Grand Annual Moveable Committee; and that the whole of the report, &c., be printed."

The spirit of domination exhibited in these few lines, is well calculated to prompt the Grand Lodge to take the most decided action; such as the Order throughout our jurisdiction would sanction with united voice, and all disinterested men would heartily approve. Its menacing import and the undisguised avowal of predetermined interference within the conceded limits of this jurisdiction, would authorize the inference that the resolution was adopted to ensure a more perfect breach in our relations with them.

It now devolves on the Representatives assembled, to meet the issue with suitable legislation. Should you be of opinion that the epoch has arrived in the history of our affairs, when the Grand Lodge of the United States can re-assume from the state Grand Lodges, the local government of subordinates; and exercise it in enacting *maximum* rates, it will be necessary for you merely to accede to the terms prescribed by the Grand Annual Moveable Committee, and secure thereby, for a brief period, repose from further exactions. But if it be your opinion that a compliance with the terms proposed, would be crippling our subordinate lodges in various parts of the country, by depriving them of the means of support:—infringing the solemn compacts existing between the Grand Lodge of the United States, and the subordinate Grand Lodges;—overturning the well established system of our government;—submitting to the controlment of foreign authority; and inviting new and continued encroachments on our operations.—then every consideration by which you are united together will admonish you to refrain from acquiescence. And should such a course eventuate even in a total separation, until wiser counsels prevail with our antagonist brethren, the cause, as well as the unfortunate results will lie at their door; the consoling reflection will be with us, that every effort has been made, and heavy expenses incurred to avert so deplorable a consequence.

It is pleasurable to turn from the contemplation of conflicting counsels, such as have just been presented to the Grand Lodge, and to view the field of peace and harmony which spreads over the whole extent of our own jurisdiction. Here, no conflicting questions interrupt a permanent concord: all are closely united for the advancement of principles which operate in improving the condition of man. By our admirable system of permitting each section, through its local Grand Lodge, to manage its own financial and municipal affairs; and the supreme authority being required to exercise no restraining powers, except so far as it may be necessary, to secure the privileges and principles of the Order unimpaired, providing for uniform work, general intercourse, and the administration of justice: we shall ever remain free from the evils arising from the possession of a bloated power. One portion of the jurisdiction will not be oppressed by arbitrary regulations intended to benefit another; but each part arranging its minor laws to conform to the peculiar habits and dispositions of their people: and establishing their financial regulations on the basis of their peculiar current value, will advance in prosperity and usefulness, looking to the Grand Lodge of the United States “as the source of all true and legitimate authority in Odd Fellowship.”

Of the Grand Charters granted at the last session, that for the Grand Lodge of Texas, has not been forwarded and presented to the body for which it was intended, owing to a variety of causes, growing out of the dis-

turbed state of public affairs in that Republic. The return of D. D. G. Sire J. DeCordova, of the opening and institution of that Grand Lodge, due at last session was not received until the 1st of March, 1842, and is herewith submitted. From this document it appears that the worthy brother to whom that duty had been intrusted, performed it at Houston, in the Republic of Texas, on the nineteenth day of April, 1841: and we have the gratifying intelligence that the brethren generally united in doing honor to the occasion, by the most public demonstrations of rejoicing in the event. We may with propriety participate in the feelings which the occasion inspired; for already, in the short space of twenty-three years, since the Order was firmly planted on this continent, we see it established in twenty-one states, two territories, and the District of Columbia, in the United States; and now, with a Grand Lodge at its head, in our sister Republic. The rapid growth of this first scion which we have planted in a foreign land, should encourage us to persevere and more actively exert ourselves, in similar endeavours in other portions of our hemisphere, until we shall be enabled to trace its success from one extreme to the other, of the western world. In view of the philanthropic advantages likely to result from such efforts, the subject was made a special matter of instruction with the deputation who visited England. Such legislation is respectfully invited as will be likely to promote the end.

No fit opportunity having presented itself for the purpose, the grand charter of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee has not yet been presented. That duty will be attended to at a very early day, by means of one of the Grand Representatives, now present.

The Grand Lodge of South Carolina not having been instituted under the dispensation issued by authority of the late Grand Sire at the time the grand charter was granted, the former instrument was withdrawn, and the same faithful servant of the Order to whom the dispensation had been intrusted, was duly commissioned to open and institute said Grand Lodge, and formally present the grand charter. At an early day thereafter, the return of the deputation was received from P. G. M. Bain, of Virginia, in which he reports having opened the Grand Lodge, and installed the Grand Officers thereof, at the city of Charleston, on the 29th day of November, 1841, under the most favorable promise of continued success. He assures us the Order in the city of Charleston "is in proper hands, such as will sustain its moral character, and give it standing throughout the state."

Under the resolution providing therefor, the necessary authority and documents were forwarded to D. D. G. Sire Potts, on the 19th October, 1841, for the removal of the Grand Lodge of Illinois from Alton to Springfield. The dormant manner in which the powers of that Grand Lodge were suffered to lie, by those into whose hands it had been specially reposed, effectually reverted the grant to the Grand Lodge of the United States; and in the exercise of the careful solicitude which becomes its duty, when the authority of the local government fails to perform its functions, the seat of the Grand Lodge was directed to be removed to a location where it would more likely be sustained and its duties performed. No slight, or mere sectional cause should, in any case, work so radical a derangement as the removal of a Grand Lodge from one place to another; nothing less than necessity of the most obvious character can justify it.

Otherwise, the powers granted for the good government of the Order, within the limits of a Grand Lodge jurisdiction, would only be exercised under the influence of raising up an uncertain local popularity, to the neglect of higher duties; the apprehension that discontent among the inexperienced, or factiously inclined, could work out a removal, would continually control the just and energetic action of Grand Lodges in general, and render them fit instruments for the prostration of all that is estimable in Odd Fellowship. Although the report of the W. D. D. Grand Sire has not been received, so as to note specially the time when the removal was affected, we have been furnished with the strongest evidence that it has taken place, in the resumed reports and correspondence of the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

A similar provision was made by resolution, for the removal of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, from New Albany to Madison, under circumstances not altogether unlike those which influenced the Grand Lodge in the case of the Grand Lodge of Illinois. The removal was consummated by warrant directed to the last installed G. M., Christian Bucher, bearing date October 19th, 1841, by whom the duty was performed, as will be seen by his report, herewith submitted.

Upon the regular and formal application of Massachusetts Lodge, No. 1, and Merrimack Lodge, No. 7, being the whole number of lodges then in operation in the state of Massachusetts, for the re-instatement of their Grand Lodge, the Grand Sire repaired to the city of Boston, and in conformity to the resolution of the last session, re-established the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, in ample form, on the twenty-third day of December, 1841, assisted on the occasion by the valuable services of P. G. M. Small, of New York, who accompanied him for the purpose. The original Grand Charter not being found among the archives of the Grand Lodge, a new one was presented with the following insertion: "*In lieu of the charter granted by the Grand Lodge of Maryland and of the United States, on 26th of May, 1823.*"

In restoring this ancient Grand Lodge, and giving it rank according to its seniority, as the second in the system, it is a source of the most profound satisfaction to be enabled to impart the information that the principal Grand Officers who held station in the Grand Lodge prior to the necessity arising for a surrender of its powers, stood ready, with renewed ardor, to re-assume their duties. And the course pursued by the brethren composing the Grand Lodge, is deserving of special notice for the commendable spirit in which they re-instated brother Daniel Hersey in the office of Grand Master, and brother Albert Guild in that of Grand Secretary. The long and valuable services of these brethren in the cause, fitted them with peculiar propriety for these important stations, in a jurisdiction destined to be second to none in efficiency and advancement. We may now rest with a perfect confidence that Odd Fellowship will fill a large space in the affections of the sober-minded and upright inhabitants of the ancient commonwealth.

The resolution for amending the Grand Charter of the Grand Lodge of New York, was carried into effect by the Grand Sire, on the occasion of an official visit made to that Grand Lodge for the purpose, on the sixth day of May, 1842, by which it is provided that said Grand Charter was

"granted in place of the original Grand Charter from the Grand Lodge of Maryland and of the United States, dated June 4th, 1823."

On the 5th day of November, 1841, dispensation was issued, as prayed, upon the formal application of Alabama Lodge, No. 1, and Mobile Lodge, No. 2, for a Grand Lodge to be instituted in the state of Alabama; and a warrant of special deputation was directed to D. D. G. Sire Charles J. B. Fisher, authorizing him to open and organize the Grand Lodge of Alabama, at the city of Mobile. Owing to the distance of that place from the seat of any regular Grand Lodge, where a qualified brother could, with probability, be obtained, brother Fisher was instructed to direct the Grand Lodge to transact business in the scarlet degree until opportunity should offer for further instruction; fortunately that opportunity presented itself at the moment when required, in the person of P. G. James B. Page, of the Grand Lodge of New York, whom D. D. G. Sire Fisher was by warrant, authorized to associate with him in the deputation. The duty thus intrusted to them, was jointly performed with perfect satisfaction, on the 13th December, 1841, as will be seen by reference to the return of brother Fisher, herewith submitted. It may not be altogether improper to allude in this connection to the perplexities sometimes attending the imparting of necessary instructions at the formation of Grand Lodges in remote places. Pioneer lodges are seldom planted by brothers qualified to sit in a Grand Lodge; and when sufficient progress has been made to entitle a Grand Lodge to existence, past experience assures us that but few instances will occur of being provided with proper assistance for opening the body, within the limits of its new jurisdiction. In such cases, the absence of a form for proceeding adds to the other difficulties of the duties to be performed, that of not always being able to comprehend the necessarily limited instructions communicated. This matter is commended to your special attention.

A petition was received, on the 12th of the present month, from Weldon Lodge, No. 1, Cape Fear Lodge, No. 2, and Washington Lodge, No. 3, for a Grand Lodge for the state of North Carolina, to be located at Wilmington. It is herewith presented for your action.

In conformity to a resolution of the Grand Lodge, a Grand Charter for the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania was prepared, with a note appended, for preserving the rank of said Grand Encampment by seniority; and was intrusted, under warrant, to P. H. P. N. B. Leidy, one of the Grand Representatives of Pennsylvania, for presentation, on the surrender of the dispensation, by authority of which said Grand Encampment has heretofore operated. On reference to the return of the special deputy, herewith submitted, it will be seen that the commission was carried into effect at Philadelphia, on the 26th of October, 1841, much to the gratification of the Patriarchs composing that body.

At last session, on the report of a committee, a resolution was adopted, authorizing the grant of a Grand Charter on the application of a majority of the Encampments in the state of Virginia; within a few days past the Grand Sire has received such application in the forms of petition, resolutions, and otherwise, from six of the nine Encampments in operation in that state, the peculiar structure of the application, and the session of the Grand Lodge being so near at hand, the whole question is submitted with the documents.

In pursuance of the directions of the Grand Lodge, adopted October 6th, 1840, a demand was made for the charter and books of Industry Encampment, No. 1, of New Jersey; which was promptly responded to by P. C. P. Crispin Taylor, who procured and delivered over to the Grand Sire, the charter and every important book formerly belonging to that Encampment. The few remaining members are desirous to receive from the Grand Lodge such evidence of regular connection as will enable them to adjoin other Encampments.

On the close of the late session, the charters granted to Sassacus Encampment, No. 1, at New Haven, and to Oriental Encampment, No. 2, at East Haddam, Connecticut, were intrusted to P. C. P. Charles W. Bradley, the Grand Representative of Connecticut, to be by him presented to the respective Encampments, and their several dispensations received and returned. The very worthy brother to whom this duty was intrusted, duly performed the same immediately on his return to that state; and in October, 1841, forwarded his return, together with the dispensations enclosed, addressed to the proper officer, which however have never been received.

By request from Virginia Encampment, No. 8, the charter granted to said Encampment was in October, 1841, forwarded by private hand, direct to Lynchburg, addressed to Joseph D. Evans, Scribe, &c. No acknowledgment of its receipt has yet reached the office of the Grand Corresponding Secretary.

In the early part of December, 1841, application was received from a constitutional number of brothers residing in Charleston, South Carolina, for an Encampment, to be located there and styled "Palmetto Encampment, No. 1," of South Carolina. The applicants for this charter were a portion of them R. P. degree, and the others scarlet members. No hesitation was made in granting the prayer, but the course pursued in former cases, rather than the strict sense of Article II, of the By-Laws, when tested by the analogy it should bear to Article I, determined in its favor. It would greatly relieve the Grand Officers, and be of infinite service to the Order at large, for the Grand Lodge to express more fully, by means of declaratory vote, the proper construction of such passages of law, as that now alluded to, viz: "Upon the petition of seven *qualified members* of the Order," &c. In what sense should the term *qualified* be understood? Does it really mean members qualified by having been exalted in the Patriarchal branch? Or, does it signify that they are persons qualified to become members of the Patriarchal Order? General practice has decided in favor of the latter being the true reading; but the rules of analogy decide against that practice. At the time the dispensation was issued, a deputation was forwarded to P. G. M. Bain, authorizing him to open and constitute the Encampment, under a hope that it would overtake him prior to his performing the duty of instituting the Grand Lodge of South Carolina. But having returned to his home before it reached him, he was reluctantly compelled to decline the appointment, and joined with Jerusalem Encampment, No. 4, of Norfolk, Virginia, in recommending Patriarch Thomas Greer Clayton, as a suitable person to perform the duty; who was accordingly, on the 14th of December, deputized for the purpose, and on 21st February, 1842, he sufficiently instructed the portion of the petitioners

who needed it; and opened and constituted the Encampment, much to the satisfaction of the brethren of that enlightened state.

A petition was received on the 29th December, 1841, from F. C. McComas, purple degree member, and six others of the scarlet degree, for the institution of an Encampment at Springfield, in the state of Illinois, to be hailed "Lebanon Encampment, No. 3." This application came unattested, except by the petitioners themselves; beside which, it was liable to the same objection intimated in the foregoing case of "Palmetto Encampment, No. 1." The subject of the evidence of "*good standing*" was brought before the Grand Lodge in the report of our late Worthy Grand Sire, at your last session, but without producing definite action. In the interim, a case has occurred where an individual has been admitted as one of the recipients of a charter, who, at the time, stood suspended in an Encampment in another state. It is again respectfully submitted to your consideration, under the hope "that some definite regulation may be adopted" in relation thereto. After mature deliberation, a dispensation was authorized on the application for "Lebanon Encampment, No. 3," on the 17th of January, 1842, and was transmitted, with the deputation for constituting the same, to D. D. G. Sire Potts, with instructions to open the Encampment when he should become satisfied of the regular compliance of the applicants. The latest intelligence from brother Potts on the subject, is that all the petitioners proved to be in good standing; but in consequence of the difficulty of obtaining the necessary books, the opening had been delayed.

On 27th January, 1842, a dispensation was authorized upon formal application from twelve brothers of the Order, recommended by P. G. M. Bain, of Virginia, for an Encampment to be located at Smithfield, Isle of Wight county, Virginia, and to be entitled "Damascus Encampment, No. 9." The commission for instructing the brothers and opening the Encampment, was intrusted to the brother above named, and by him faithfully executed on the 16th of February, as will be seen on reference to his return herewith submitted.

On the 10th of February, 1842, a warrant of dispensation for the formation of an Encampment at the town of Hampton, in the state of Virginia, was issued upon the petition of seven members of Patrick Henry Lodge, No. 15, and one of another lodge, all of the scarlet degree, to be entitled "Salem Encampment, No. 10." Patriarch E. C. Robinson, of Norfolk, was formally deputed to instruct the brothers and institute the Encampment.

Both of these applications were liable to the perplexity to which allusion was made in the case of "Palmetto Encampment, No. 1," but in a much higher degree, as no patriarch appeared among the petitioners, in either of these cases. The motives which influenced a concession to the course heretofore pursued in the one case, made it necessary to comply in all others, until the Grand Lodge shall determine the proper practice.

Upon the application of seven patriarchs of the Order, with cards in their hands, for an Encampment to be located at the city of Newark, in the state of New Jersey, under the style of "Mt. Ararat Encampment, No. 3," a dispensation was issued, and the Grand Sire instituted the Encamp-

ment in ample form, on the 30th day of March, 1842, under the promise of a very abundant success.

During the last month a petition was received from seven brothers, accompanied by certificates testifying to their regular compliance, under the seal of their respective lodges, for an Encampment to be located at the city of Nashville, in the state of Tennessee. While arrangements were being made for issuing the necessary documents, a communication under the seal of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, was received, protesting against granting the prayer of said petition, and notifying the Grand Officers that the attestation had been illegally obtained. Under these circumstances, further action was deferred, to enable the Grand Lodge to pass on the whole question.

On the 4th of September, 1842, application was received from patriarch Isaac C. Nostrand, and seven others of the Patriarchal Order, in good standing in Trenton Encampment, No. 2, praying for a charter for an Encampment to be located at the city of Trenton, in the state of New Jersey. In cases where it shall appear to the Grand Officers, that the granting of a charter would not prove beneficial to the interests of the Order, the discretion with which they are clothed should counsel them either to reject the application, or to defer action on it until the sense of the Grand Lodge can be obtained. This petition, for such reason, is submitted to your consideration. The small number of about three hundred members, of whom but seventy-five have attained to the scarlet degree, and fifty-five of that number are already of the Patriarchal Order, in a location where the institution has been in existence over nine years, would not seem to hold out very splendid prospects for the permanent success of a second Encampment, however harmoniously its career may be commenced.

No safe opportunity has presented itself since your last session to forward the charter then granted to Florida Lodge, No. 1. During the recess, application has been formally received from said lodge, to permit a change of locality from Black Creek, to the town of Jackson, East Florida; a warrant of dispensation was authorized, allowing such removal, under the peculiar circumstances of their situation. It becomes necessary for the Grand Lodge to take action on the alteration made, so as to conform the charter to the dispensation.

During the visit of P. G. M. Bain to Charleston, South Carolina, to institute the Grand Lodge there, he performed the duty of presenting to Marion Lodge, No. 2, of South Carolina, the charter granted at your late session; and in passing through North Carolina, he also performed the duty of presenting a similar document to Weldon Lodge, No. 1, of North Carolina, and received back again from each the dispensations under which these lodges had heretofore worked, and with his accustomed promptness immediately returned them to the proper officer.

Application from a number of brothers residing at Savannah, in the state of Georgia, for a lodge to be located there, and to be styled "Oglethorpe Lodge, No. 1," was received on the 5th of January, 1842, but owing to the absence of the necessary evidence of regular connexion, on the part of a portion of the petitioners, dispensation for opening and constituting was not issued until the 7th of February, when a deputation was forwarded to our worthy brother Albert Case, of South Carolina, who kindly consented

to proceed to Savannah, and on the 2d of March he instituted the lodge in due form. We are under obligations to the Grand Lodge of South Carolina for essential assistance rendered at the opening, as will be ascertained on reference to the return of P. G. Case, herewith submitted.

On the 10th of February, 1842, a dispensation was issued to open a lodge at Wilmington, North Carolina, upon the application of six brethren, who came recommended as in every way qualified to discharge the duties they were anxious to assume, under the style and title of "Cape Fear Lodge, No. 2," of North Carolina. A deputation was at the same time transmitted to P. G. M. Bain, authorizing him to officiate at the opening. And on the 9th of April, upon the formal application of five brethren, satisfactorily recommended, a dispensation was authorized for a lodge, to be hailed as "Washington Lodge, No. 3," and to be located at Murfreesborough in the state of North Carolina. A deputation was in like manner issued to D. D. G. Sire Bain, authorizing him, by himself or special deputy, to institute said lodge. It is with the utmost satisfaction that the return of that truly indefatigable Odd Fellow, to whom the Grand Lodge has become so deeply indebted during the past year, is submitted to your consideration. By reference thereto it will be seen that "Cape Fear Lodge, No. 2," was duly opened, and the officers installed at Wilmington, on the 18th of May; and that "Washington Lodge, No. 3," was in like manner instituted at Murfreesborough, on the 17th of the same month, under the most flattering evidences of approaching success.

While the Grand Sire was in the state of Rhode Island, on his return from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, he endeavoured to carry into effect the resolution of last session, for the re-establishment of "Friendly Union Lodge, No. 1," and for that purpose had invited the petitioners to meet him at Providence, on the 24th day of December, 1841. Through the miscarriage of a letter the notice was incomplete, and but a small number assembled. At the conference had, it was deemed advisable to defer for a short time further, the contemplated re-opening. Since which time nothing has been done; the unsettled state of the public mind in that vicinity, appearing to those who were most active in the enterprise, to be unfavorable to success. But by assurances which have been received within a few weeks, we may expect renewed efforts to be made, so soon as quiet is restored.

A petition was received on the fourth of the present month from five brothers residing at Burlington, in the territory of Iowa, setting forth that two of their number have cards in possession; the three others were in good standing, a number of years since, when they left the localities of their lodges. They have been informed of the necessity of evidence being produced of the present good standing of the three latter, to the D. D. Grand Sire of the District, as well as to forward to him the cards of those who are thus provided, in order to authorize him to make the appropriate attestation.

The uniformity of work, within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, has ever been a desirable object; much time and labor have been expended in endeavours to bring it to a state of unity: yet minor differences continue to exist, many of which are so deeply engrafted in the affections of brethren, as almost to preclude the possibility of

overcoming them. This is not the case, however, in many instances; to the credit of the brethren generally, it can be averred, that none are more anxious for correct information on any subject, than they are on the things which concern Odd Fellowship. Where conflicting instructions have been imparted by inexperienced brothers, the most important irregularities are found to exist, the means for correcting which are not at all times under the control of the Grand Sire. The subject is submitted to your consideration.

At the last session, among the matters specially referred to the Grand Sire, was the state of the Order in Louisiana, growing out of discordant feelings existing between our Odd Fellow brethren and the Masonic fraternity in that locality. During the recess, the Grand Sire has received voluminous communications, explanatory of the cause and progress of the difficulty; from which it is evident that the strife has arisen through individual indiscretions, committed largely on the part of a few Masons; who, more under the influence of gratifying personal vindictiveness, than to promote the advantages of a craft whose principles tend to the most enlarged philanthropy and generous sentiment, obtained a sufficient control over the legislative department of Masonry in that state, to effect the cutting off from fellowship therewith, several persons who were known to them as distinguished in Odd Fellowship, without other charge against them than that of being connected with our Order. This iniquitous act, suicidal as it was in its conception and completion, provoked imitation on the part of the Order there. Direct communication between the Grand Sire, as such, and the authorities of the fraternity of Masons, could not by any possibility take place; but every effort has been used, deemed advisable, to bring the grievance before several of the most respectable Masonic Grand Lodges in the United States, by representing its enormity and fearful tendency, to members of these bodies; and, according to information obtained, wherever action has been taken, the course pursued by their Grand Lodge in Louisiana has been disapproved. The force of public sentiment will in time rectify the errors committed; in the mean while, a duty remains to be performed by us, which is to require the Order in Louisiana to repeal unconditionally all retaliatory enactments. This done, all blame will attach to the party persisting in its erroneous course.

The appointment of D. D. Grand Sire is an office which well merits your special attention, from the growing importance of the duties necessary to be performed by such agents, at places remote from the seat of the Grand Lodge. It is suggested to provide by enactment for a more enlarged detailment of services to be rendered, the duration of the office, the periods when reports are to be punctually made, and an appropriate form of commission. Within the past year, it has been found necessary to enlarge the number of District Deputy Grand Sires, and much inconvenience was felt from the want of such assistance as more fully defined duties would have afforded. Every advantage may be expected to be realized from the adoption of a more methodical system, requiring prompt and efficient action and regular reports. Immediately in connection with this subject is another which merits your attention. The periods at which the terms of Lodges and Encampments commence and end, are as greatly diversified as the number of them could by possibility permit: to have specific peri-

ods for quarterly and semi-annual terms to begin uniformly throughout the direct jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, would not only be of advantage in affording regular and definite information in relation to the condition of the Order at given times, diminishing the number of periods when the several subordinates may be expected to report, and greatly facilitating the operations of D. D. Grand Sires in the performance of their duties, but would prepare the ground more perfectly for Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments when they may be required to assume control over them.

The solicitude of the Grand Sire was awakened in the month of October last, by information communicated of gross carelessness, if not culpability, on the part of one of the employees of the Grand Lodge. Immediate steps were taken for investigating the matter, by referring it to a commission, consisting of competent brothers, residing in the same locality with the implicated individual. It is gratifying to be enabled to report that the investigation proved the imputation unfounded to any serious extent; when the commission was consequently revoked. The subject of complaint, together with the documents connected therewith, are submitted.

A communication has been received from the Grand Lodge of New York, containing a copy of one from Concorde, No. 43, of that jurisdiction, censuring, in strong terms, the translation made of the lectures to the five degrees into the French language, and asking to be excused from using the same. After consultation with brothers learned in that language, whose opinions on the merits of said translation, corresponded with that of Concorde Lodge, No. 43, the Grand Sire deemed it necessary to withhold payment to the brother who had performed the work, until the Grand Lodge should have opportunity to pass upon the merits of the case.

The reports of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer will apprise you of the receipts and disbursements for account of the Grand Lodge of the United States in the current year. The continued increase in the business transactions of these departments will admonish you of the propriety of introducing suitable improvements into the mode of managing the finances. System and accountability are required to be more rigorously enforced; for it becomes more and more evident, as the operations of the Order extend, that each subject of account should be kept as much as possible separate and distinct. Books and diplomas, as well as the Official Magazine and the deputation funds, could form proper objects for separate accounts, while fees, dues, per centages, and profits arising from other funds, &c., could constitute the general fund, temporary transfers being made from one to the other, as occasion might require.

The Agent of the "Official Magazine" will report to you direct on that department, by which you will be enabled to learn its state. The vast importance of this enterprize to the whole Order is such as to justify the most enlightened legislation on the part of this Grand Lodge, and liberal support from brethren. The able manner in which it has been conducted during the nine months of its existence, and the favor it has received, fully warrants the opinion that its permanent establishment will be a powerful assistant for disseminating the true principles of our beloved Order. Although from the undue influence of adverse interests, or the want of active local agents, the subscriptions have in some sections fallen far below just expectations, yet in many other portions of the country the liberal support

it has received, has surpassed our highest hopes; but, as must be expected with every enterprize of the kind at its beginning, the expenditures have much exceeded the receipts on its account. The indebtedness thus apparent will necessarily continue until the end of the year, when collections will have been more generally made, and local agents have completed their returns.

Having thus briefly alluded to the many important subjects embraced under the "general superintendence of the interests of the Order" and "the acts and doings" of the Grand Sire, permit him to express the hope that when so large a number of Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments are represented in person by members of their respective bodies, that a renewed energy will be imparted to your proceedings, and that the occasion of our assembling will hold a high place in the affections of our brethren.

Fraternally yours,

JOHN A. KENNEDY, *Grand Sire.*

BALLTIMORE, September 19th, 1842.

Documents on the English Mission accompanying the Grand Sire's report.

TO JOHN A. KENNEDY, Esq.

M. W. Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, in obedience to the letter of instructions accompanying the commission which they had the honor of receiving from the M. W. Grand Sire, appointing them special deputies on behalf of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States to the "Manchester Unity of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows," in the kingdom of Great Britain, beg leave most respectfully to present the following report:

On the receipt of their credentials, they proceeded with all convenient despatch to the city of Manchester—the seat of government of the "Independent Order in Great Britain," at which place they arrived on the 5th day of May, 1842. Letter A, accompanying this report constitutes the first official communication addressed to the authorities of the Order by the deputation from the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States. To this letter no response was made by the officer who was made the channel of communication with the Grand Master and Board of Directors.

On the evening of the day of its date however, the undersigned had the pleasure of a visit from G. M. Davis, D. G. M. Richmond, and P. G. M. Mansfield, from whom they received an invitation to attend a regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors to be held on the following Monday. Availing ourselves of the opportunity thus afforded, we met the Board at the time indicated at their office, No. 8, Aytoun street, Manchester. An unusually large number of the Directors were present, the Grand Master presided, and after the ordinary business had been despatched, the subject of the visitation of your deputation was formally introduced to the Board by P. G. M. James Mansfield, at whose instance and request the undersigned were invited to state the purport of their mission.

The letter of greeting from the Grand Sire on behalf of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, the credentials of the deputation and the presents of which they had the honor to be the bearers, were then formally delivered, accompanied with some remarks from each of the undersigned, explanatory of the objects of their mission and expressive of a deep sense of the important interests involved in its success. The Grand Master on this occasion officially informed your deputation that no power was vested in the Board of Directors to negotiate upon such a subject—that the whole matter must be referred to the "Grand Annual Moveable Committee," by whom alone the subject of our mission could be determined.—That body would assemble at Wigan, in the county of Lancashire, on the 16th of May, on which occasion on behalf of the Board, and the Order in general, he invited the undersigned to be present, to lay the matter of our visitation before that honorable body.

It was suggested by the undersigned, that although the Board had not power fully to consummate an arrangement with the Grand Lodge of the United States, yet it

was fully competent to digest preliminary considerations, so that the general principles for the basis of the adjustment of existing difficulties, might be presented for the prompt action of the Grand A. M. C.; a course rendered necessary in view of the limited time allotted to the session of that body. The Board however, declined further action upon the subject, and accordingly the undersigned repaired to Wigan on the 16th of May, where the Deputies from the different parts of the kingdom were assembled to the number of near four hundred. Here we were formally received and introduced to that large and respectable body by a committee appointed for the purpose. Our reception was enthusiastic with the honors of the Order—the officers and deputies upstanding uncovered. For this distinguished token of respect extended to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States in the person of its Deputies, the undersigned respectively returned its most unfeigned acknowledgements, and availed themselves of the opportunity to congratulate the Order at large, upon the happy omen which it seemed to presage of the success of their mission, and the establishment of Odd Fellowship, as one and identical throughout the earth. In the remarks then submitted, the undersigned expressed the anxious desire which prevailed in America, so to cement the Order in the two hemispheres and through all the earth, that we could hand it down to posterity as an agent of universal benefaction to man. They endeavoured to impress the minds of the Deputies with the conviction that one uniform language was indispensable to the attainment of this end—changes which had been made in the language of the Order in Great Britain had estranged the brethren in the two jurisdictions, and that on a mission of love we had crossed the wide ocean to meet our distant brothers, and with them to agree upon one common and uniform system of work. We were attached to the ancient system and would prefer that to all others, yet if that were found impracticable, we were prepared to lay our preference down upon the altar of our devotion to the Order at large, and agree to any system that should give to every Odd Fellow a language which could be understood in every land, and gain his admission to the temples of the Order in every clime. This work could not be accomplished at once, but the reward of patience and perseverance would be the consciousness of having contributed to extend far and wide, the countless benefactions of the Order, in the erection of an edifice which would remain for ages a blessing to the world. The Order was growing and prosperous in America, where a deep interest was felt in the success of our mission, as it had an important bearing upon the welfare of an institution deeply cherished in many warm and benevolent hearts. We asked the Grand A. M. C. therefore to meet us in the spirit of "Friendship, Love and Truth," and unite in the great work proposed.

The remarks of the undersigned were received with every demonstration of satisfaction and approbation on the part of the assembly to whom they were addressed; much of the day was spent in the pleasing ceremonies of introduction to the Deputies present, with whom we had many valuable and interesting conferences upon the general interests of the Order, and all of whom united in the ardent desire that our deliberations might result in the thorough and indissoluble union of the Order in the old and new world.

On the afternoon of the 17th, the undersigned received from the officers of the Grand A. M. C., (letter B.) containing the information that a sub-committee had been appointed to confer with us upon the subject of our mission, when we immediately entered upon the business of our appointment. Considering the importance of the subjects intrusted to our negotiation, the undersigned felt bound to insist upon conducting the discussion in a written and tangible form. For the entire detail of the subjects discussed, and the manner of their discussion, together with the final result, the Grand Sire is referred to the accompanying documents, arranged consecutively in the Order in which they were transmitted and received. This correspondence, without the aid of comment, will furnish a full view of the progress and termination of the conference. It seems proper, however, that the undersigned should add some explanation of the strange and extraordinary legislation of the Grand A. M. C. in the premises.

It will be seen that the most friendly and courteous relations subsisted between the sub-committee and the undersigned, during the entire conference, and that in no part of their intercourse whatever, is there even a hint at the offensive resolution which terminated the negotiation.

To the undersigned it is a matter of deep regret, that the sub-committee appointed to confer with us upon the general measures, for the adoption of the authorities of

the Order in the two jurisdictions, should have pursued the extraordinary course of returning to the Grand A. M. C., with a report containing a plan formed by themselves alone, in the provisions of which, they were aware that we could not concur—but when in addition to this another resolution was introduced and adopted, in which the Grand A. M. C. placed itself no longer in the attitude of a friendly power treating with a coadjutor, but assumed the position of a dictator, prescribing terms and threatening the Grand Lodge of the United States, with the consequences of a refusal on its part to comply, our regret is painfully enhanced, and the necessity of some explanation of the probable cause of a course so extraordinary, is apparent and imperious.

In what follows, the undersigned would be understood as giving utterance only to their own opinions, in which they individually fully concur—opinions drawn from the experience of their personal observation, and fully sustained by the frank and friendly intercourse which their opportunities enabled them to hold with the members of the Order from every part of the jurisdiction of the Manchester Unity.

The government of the Order in Great Britain is constituted in the following manner. The entire body of the Independent Order in the kingdom is known and distinguished by the title of "The Manchester Unity, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows," so called from its organization and concentration of power in the city of Manchester.

"The Grand Annual Moveable Committee," heretofore consisting of deputies from each lodge in compliance (now constituted of a representation from districts in the ratio of one for every thousand members) is the sovereign depository of the power of the Order, not only in relation to the work, but also in reference to the entire detail of government, descending even to all the rules and regulations of subordinate lodges, and leaving with them the isolated power of making by-laws not inconsistent with the enactments of the Grand A. M. C. This body is constitutionally moveable in its character, and absolute in its powers. It assembles annually, on Whit-sun-week, which is in England, a period of universal holiday, at which time a Grand Master and Board of Directors are elected, *all of whom must be residents of the city of Manchester.* This Board exercises during the recess a supervisory jurisdiction over all the affairs of the Order; it usually expounds the laws, responds to all applications for instruction or advice, and heretofore was an integral part of a standing committee for the determination of all questions of grievance, subject to the final action of the Grand A. M. C.

From this condensed view of the government of the Order in Great Britain, it will be perceived, that the Grand Master and Board of Directors, are possessed of very limited authority *de jure*, and that *constitutionally*, the Grand A. M. C. is the depository of all final and absolute power.—Thus the organization of the Order indicates in theory, a just distribution of its prerogatives, yet, it is evident even to the superficial observer of its practical operations, that the elements of all power are concentrated in the city of Manchester, and controlled by the officers and Board of Directors.

The causes of this apparent anomaly may be found in the following facts:—The Grand A. M. C. assembles once a year only; is composed of a large and unwieldy mass of members, mostly of the working classes, brought suddenly together from all parts of the kingdom, strangers to each other, without concert, unused to parliamentary proceedings, and limited in time to a single week. To that body is presented a vast multiplicity of interesting topics, such as questions of local interest to the several districts from which the deputies are sent, almost endless propositions for change, modification or amendment to the general laws, numerous and frequent appeals from the decisions of grievance committees affecting personal feelings and interests, the examination of the accounts and capital stock of the Board of Directors, involving funds to the amount of some forty thousand pounds per annum, and in short all the ramifications of the legislative, judicial and executive action of a constituency of some two hundred and fifty thousand men, scattered through England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales—all of which must be submitted to the joint action of a large body of four hundred men, honest and respectable no doubt, but limited to a single week in time to arrange, digest, examine, discuss, and determine this mass of business. Under these circumstances, the Grand Sire will perceive, that the action of the Grand A. M. C. must from the very necessity of the case be hasty and inconsiderate, and whatever may be the theory, the only practical result of their system must be to concentrate all the active power of the Order in the hands of the few who are its representatives during the recess, who thus become its law-givers. That the exercise of the power thus from necessity thrown upon the Grand Master and Board

of Directors has been wise and salutary, it is no part of the design of the undersigned to question. It is sufficient, in explanation of the causes which led to the result of their mission, to state the obvious fact, that the true power which shapes and gives direction to all the legislative action of the Grand A. M. C. is at Manchester, in the Grand Master and Board of Directors. It was therefore, to a government thus constituted, that the undersigned were necessarily compelled to submit a profoundly momentous question; a question from its very nature, appealing to enlarged philanthropy, to broad and capacious views, as tending to the perpetuity of an institution beloved in both hemispheres, and practically addressing itself to the kindest sympathies of our English brethren in behalf of thousands of their countrymen, whom chance or fortune is constantly throwing upon our shores. This great question was to be examined, deliberated upon, and finally disposed of, in the brief space of one week, by a large body of men, deeply engaged at the same time in a thousand questions, of more immediate, local, and personal interest. That such a work was impossible, the undersigned saw from the very commencement, and for this reason, they did not cease to urge at their first interview, upon the officers and members of the Board at Manchester, the propriety of entering with us into the arrangement of preliminaries, in order that the subject might be presented to the Grand A. M. C. in a digested and systematized form.—But in this particular we were without success, and the whole subject was necessarily thrown upon the Grand A. M. C. without arrangement or system. In perfect accordance with the same view of the subject, when the first indication of a difference of opinion arose between this deputation and the sub-committee, the undersigned urged upon that committee the fact, that there was danger of hasty and inconsiderate action, and suggested the propriety of their clothing themselves with the requisite power from the Grand A. M. C. to continue the negotiation during the recess, and conduct the matter to a final and beneficial result. In this also we were unsuccessful, and the result was, that the sub-committee presented their report for the first action of the Grand A. M. C. only on the last day of the session, when many of the deputies had departed and a press of business remaining unfinished, rendered a full and calm investigation of the important matters presented absolutely impossible. In such a state of affairs, those who are acquainted with the usual proceedings of deliberative assemblies so situated, will not be surprised at the strange action of the Grand A. M. C. in this case, as it could be little else than the passive instrument of giving a legal sanction to whatever might be proposed by its leading men. In this way only, can the undersigned account for the passage through that body of the offensive resolution, against which we felt bound firmly to protest, and the authorship of which the sub-committee entirely disavowed.

The undersigned have before expressed the opinion, that the real centre of power and source of legislative action in Great Britain, was to be found in the Grand Master and Board of Directors at Manchester; and they beg leave here to add, that the influence of that body was adverse to what they considered to be a just and equitable arrangement between the two jurisdictions. Although this fact was not manifested in any open and decided acts of hostility, yet it became apparent to the undersigned, at a very early period of their intercourse with the Order in Great Britain. In the various lodges we had the pleasure of visiting and addressing at their request, the sentiments we uttered were responded to most heartily, and the prospect of a closer union with the Order in America, was hailed with the most enthusiastic demonstrations of delight. But in the Board of Directors it was far otherwise. *Individually*, we were received by the members of that body, with kindness, and treated with courtesy, but *officially*, their intercourse was reserved and cautious, and apparently indicative of an absence of interest in the great work of our mission.

It appeared to us extraordinary, while the proper Board might, in the exercise of its powers, have adjusted with us the principles of an amicable arrangement, submitted it to the A. M. C. with their recommendation, for its consideration, and thus secured its adoption with a good degree of certainty, that although time was ample, no argument of the undersigned could prevail in inducing them to engage in such a work, the ground being assumed by them that the Grand Master and Board did not possess a power so clearly inherent in all such bodies, and far greater than which they have not been reluctant to exercise, in the suspension of the operation of a general law of the Order. The same indisposition to make an arrangement was manifest in the open defence, on the part of the leading members of the Board, of the late of Man resolution, in relation to the establishment of lodges in the United States, and the truth need not be disguised, that this proposed violation of faith had been

seriously agitated, and was with some influential members, a decidedly favorite project. To the influence of the "power behind the throne" at Manchester, and the circumstance that the business was presented to the Grand A. M. C., at the last day of its session, and passed upon in the hurry and confusion of a rapidly approaching adjournment, the undersigned attribute the extraordinary action of that respected body. That the brotherhood at large, in England, are desirous, and even anxiously solicitous to strengthen the ties that bind the Order in the two hemispheres, we have the most positive evidence, of which the subject is susceptible, and there is little reason to suppose that the mass of the Deputies, assembled at Wigan, had any distinct perception of the fact, that the resolution upon which they were called to vote, looked directly to an infraction of chartered rights, and the violation of faith plighted under the hand and seal of the Grand A. M. C. itself, and was a reiteration of a resolution against which the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States had formally protested, as an indignity to that body. Whether the *originators* of the offensive resolution were fully aware of its character, it is not the province of the undersigned to decide. But upon their heads must be the responsibility of having placed the Grand A. M. C. in the attitude of openly avowing its intention to violate its faith, by an invasion of chartered rights, and thus compelling the undersigned, in decent self-respect, to suspend all further communion with a party capable of such an act. Our only hope of future union rests in the presumption, that when the real state of the facts shall be made known to the Order at large, the sound hearts of the brethren will compel the Grand A. M. C., at its next session, to retrace its steps in this particular, and thus wipe away the stain which has been fixed upon the heretofore unsullied character of the Independent Order in Great Britain. Indulging this hope, the undersigned beg leave to suggest to the Grand Sire, what we are assured his well known benevolence of character would prompt, the propriety of forbearance in visiting the errors of the Order at home, too severely upon the heads of the brethren who may be thrown upon our charity and protection.

Before closing this report, the undersigned beg leave to call the attention of the Grand Sire to the following circular, issued from the office of the Board at Manchester, to the Corresponding Secretary of the District, as indicative of the course of action which may be expected from that body.

"8, ATTOUN-STREET, MANCHESTER, June 4th, 1842.

SIR AND BROTHER,

I am instructed by the Grand Master and Board of Directors, to inform you that a rupture has taken place between our American brethren and the Independent Order in England, as on reference to the A. M. C. reports, you will find that it is their intention to refuse to admit parties from England as subscribing members. Therefore no member who is going to America, must draw either card or clearance, with the intention of being admitted there. The Directors have received full power and instructions from the last A. M. C. to enable them to open lodges in the United States, should our American brethren still persist in refusing to admit our members. Therefore, until further notice, members emigrating to America, are particularly requested not to draw either card or clearance, until such times as proper arrangements for their admission can be made.

Yours, respectfully,
WILLIAM RATCLIFFE, C. S."

The undersigned had correspondence with several members of the Board subsequent to the issue of this circular, yet no hint was given in relation to it; and, in all probability, they would have left England ignorant of its existence, but for a mere accident which threw it into their hands.

Now, it is not a little remarkable, that up to the date of our departure from England, (June 11th,) the report referred to had not been printed or circulated, and how those who received the circular, were to compare it with a document yet in the hands of the printer, does not clearly appear. In ordinary cases, a procedure of this sort might induce a suspicion that there was something like an attempt to obtain a pre-judgment upon mere ex-parte evidence. Upon its extraordinary character, the undersigned beg leave to offer a few remarks. It bears date June 4th, 1842, or about ten days subsequent to the adjournment of the Grand A. M. C., and refers to the report of that body, as proof that a rupture had taken place between the Order in England and America. The gross misrepresentation made in the circular, and

its perfect inconsistency with the action of the A. M. C., are apparent to the most superficial observer. Those who read the correspondence of the undersigned, in which stands pre-eminent the proposal to *admit members from England to our lodges, on precisely the same terms as the members of our own jurisdiction are admitted*, will smile when they read in this circular, the grave assertion, that the American brethren "*refuse to admit parties from England as subscribing members.*" The moral sense which could prompt such departure from truth, is calculated to excite no very pleasurable emotions.

The report of the sub-committee adopted by the Grand A. M. C. leaves the whole matter dependent upon the action of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, and expresses a strong hope that the movements of that body will tend to promote a more perfect union; the resolution added to the report, clothes the Grand Master and Board with power to establish lodges in America, only on the condition that the authorities of the Order in America, should not accede to certain demands, but ten days from this time, and ere the news could have reached a tythe of the distance to America, the Board at Manchester appears before its constituency in a circular, affirming in advance, that a rupture had already taken place, and that it was the *intention* of the American brethren to refuse to admit parties from England, &c.; affirming further, that they had received "full power and instructions to enable them to open lodges in the United States," and as evidence of the correctness of their pretensions, refer to a report not yet printed.

The sagacity of the Board, in divining the "*intentions*" of the American brethren as opposed to their oft reiterated propositions, can only be equalled by their extreme modesty in claiming the right to use power, which was in point of fact in abeyance, only to be exercised in a contingency which might never take place. It is worthy of admiration also that this claim of authority proceeds from the same body, whose fear of assuming powers not properly its own, was, three weeks previous, so great, that it would not entertain the question of preliminary action in the premises! With these remarks, the whole matter is submitted to the Grand Sire, with confidence that it will there meet a full and candid review and conduct to wise and judicious action.

The undersigned deeply deplore the fact, that their mission has been attended with these results, the more especially as among the many evil effects which will arise from a want of union between the branches of the Order in the two hemispheres, perhaps the greatest will be the helpless and pitiable condition in which brethren from England, in distress, will find themselves placed by the action of the rulers at home. The state of the times in England, and the scanty supply of the necessaries of life among the operatives there, is constantly throwing thousands of them upon our shore; many, very many, of whom are Odd Fellows. To such of these as are fortunately in circumstances of comfort and prosperity, the authorities in England would refuse the counsels, warnings, and friendly advice which their brethren in America would have taken pleasure in affording, and which are so grateful to strangers in a strange land. To such as may be the subjects of poverty and want, they would deny those means of relief, which the records of the Order will show that their American brethren have ever been ready abundantly to administer.

It is true, they promise them protection by "*arming*" the Board of Directors with power to open lodges in the United States, the only effect of which will be to place these poor strangers in direct collision with a large, well organized, and popular society, thus making them the instruments of an attempt to carry out an unhallowed breach of faith and invasion of chartered rights, on the part of the rulers in England.

Such a substitute for cordial union with the Order in America, while it will excite a smile with us, as to its practicability, and wonder that intelligent men should for a moment indulge the vain hope of planting an institution, under foreign jurisdiction, under a government like ours, and in opposition to a similar and powerful body, already established under the charter of our laws, can at best hold out but poor hopes of meeting the necessities of the case, and will certainly tend greatly to retard the progress of the principles of our beloved Order.

But this is not the most deplorable view of the case. Great as are the evils which must necessarily result from the action of the A. M. C. and the Board, yet the moral delinquency that can thus, without a blush, avow its intention of violating faith sacredly pledged, and assuming authority once solemnly renounced by charter, bearing the signature of the Board, the seal of the Order, and displaying its sacred colors, is far more deplorable, and will inflict a deeper stain upon the fair pages of the history of our beloved Order.

By no one, we are persuaded, will the result of this mission be more lamented than the M. W. Grand Sire. It had his hopes, his devotion, and all his enthusiasm in its favor. But great as must be his disappointment, we cannot doubt that the course pursued by the undersigned will meet his hearty approbation. We went with clean hands and pure hearts, on an errand of mercy and benevolence; we held out the olive branch of peace until it withered in our hands; and when insult was added to injury, we reluctantly took the only course that appeared consistent to the dignity and honor of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, which could not for a moment be compromised.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES L. RIDGELY,
I. D. WILLIAMSON.

[A.]

MANCHESTER, May 5th, 1842.

Dear Sirs and Brothers:

The undersigned take leave to announce through you, to the Grand Master and Board of Directors of the Manchester Unity of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, their arrival in this city as a special deputation from the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States of America, to confer upon the practicability of rendering the work of the Order uniform. They will be happy to enter upon the duties of their appointment at an early moment, and would be pleased to learn with convenient despatch, whether the power resides with the Board of Directors to enter upon the subject before the annual meeting of the Moveable Committee, on the 16th inst.

With sentiments of profound respect, your friends and brothers, in F. L. & T.

JAMES L. RIDGELY,
I. D. WILLIAMSON.

To WILLIAM RATCLIFFE, Esq., Cor. Sec. of the I. O. O. F., Great Britain.

[B.]

*Grand Annual Moveable Committee of the I. O. of O. F.
Manchester Unity, Commercial Hall, Wigan, May 17th, 1842.*

To JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq., P. G. M. and
I. D. WILLIAMSON, Esq., G. C.

Gentlemen and Brothers:

We beg respectfully to inform you that the following persons have been appointed by the Grand Annual Moveable Committee, as a sub-committee to confer with you upon the important subject of your mission to this country, on behalf of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States of America, viz:

Dep. Grand Master	GEORGE RICHMOND,
Past Grand Master	JOHN PRIZER,
Past Prov. G. Master	EDWARD POWELL,
Prov. Cor. Secretary	JOHN LONGMORE SHADWELL,

and that they are now ready to receive your views, at such time and place as may suit your convenience.

We are on behalf of the deputies assembled,

Yours fraternally,

E. H. DAVIS, G. M.
WM. RATCLIFFE, C. S.

[C.]

EAGLE HOTEL, Wigan, May 17th, 1842.

Brothers:—

The deputation from the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, to the Annual Moveable Committee of the Manchester Unity, have pleasure in being informed that you have been appointed a special committee to confer with us in regard to the objects of our mission; we avail ourselves of the earliest moment of time to state succinctly the proposition with which we are charged, and to invite your earnest attention to the means of securing the great and very desirable object we propose to accomplish;—*uniformity in the work of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows*

throughout the globe. The resolutions under which the undersigned are appointed, and in obedience to which we must of necessity act, were passed by the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, during its session in September, 1841, and are as follows :—

“Resolved, That the difficulties existing in the Order by a want of uniformity in the work is deeply deplored by this Grand Lodge.”

“Resolved, That so soon as sufficient funds can be procured to defray the expense, one or more members of the Order shall be appointed to visit England with instructions to confer with the Manchester Unity upon the subject of the difference in the work of the Order, and to use their best endeavours to procure a return to the ancient work.”

You will perceive from the tenor of the above resolutions, that the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States traces the difficulties now unhappily existing between the branches of the Order under the two jurisdictions to the wide difference in the work, as practised in the two hemispheres—a difference so radical, that the language of the two parties cannot be mutually understood. We need not here agitate the question of the causes which have led to this difference. It is quite sufficient to know that it actually exists to such a degree as seriously to embarrass and threaten to destroy all intercommunion between the parties concerned. Believing that a return to first principles in this matter would go far towards removing all existing difficulties, the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States has instructed its delegation as above noted, and in obedience to these specific instructions the undersigned propose as the basis of an amicable adjustment of present evils, the following arrangement.

1. The Grand A. M. C. of the Manchester Unity and the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, shall each adopt and practice throughout the entire jurisdiction the ancient work of the Order.

2. No change shall ever be made in the work so adopted by either party, without the consent and concurrence of the other.

The adoption of such a resolution on the part of the two bodies, would it is believed, at once make the I. O. O. F., throughout the globe, one and indissoluble, and put it in the power of every member of our vast fraternity, to speak a language that could be understood in every land, and thus to secure to himself the benefits of the Order wherever his lot may be cast.—May we hope that the committee with whom we have the honor to confer, will present this proposition to the favorable regard of the Grand A. M. C., and ask its adoption by that honorable body.

With sentiments of high consideration and regard, we are,

Gentlemen, yours in F. L. & T.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, } *Special Deputies, &c. of*
I. D. WILLIAMSON, } *the G. L. of the U. S.*

To George Richmond, D. G. M.—John Peizer, P. G. M.—Edward Powell, P. Pro. G. M.—John Longmore Shadwell, Pro. C. S., Committee.

[D.]

EAGLE HOTEL, May 18th, 1842.

Dear Sirs and Brothers:

In answer to your letter received this morning, we beg respectfully to state that we do not feel ourselves justified in carrying on the subject therein referred to, and the business which we have been appointed to transact in the manner in which you would wish, viz: *formal epistolary correspondence*. It is unusual with us, for a sub-committee appointed by the A. M. C. to make a report until the whole business on which they have been appointed is concluded.

Respecting your question, we thought it was sufficiently understood yesterday, that it was utterly impossible for us to recommend to the A. M. C. the resolution of your R. W. Grand Lodge, respecting a return to the ancient work of the Order, as we have every reason to believe, that what was the ancient work or first principles of the Order, it would (even supposing the system to be practicable,) be impossible to arrive at, there not being, in our opinion, any person at present a member of the Independent Order, in either hemisphere, who could furnish us with the original language; and that being the case, we understood that the series of questions submitted to us by you, were to be discussed, and our opinions thereon submitted to you, in order to form the basis of an amicable arrangement by which the Order in the two hemispheres may be enabled to come to an adjustment of the present existing difficulties.

therefore, quite prepared to enter into the subject, in the spirit in which it intended, viz.—a *personal conference*, hoping our arrangements will have a to advance the progress and principles of Odd Fellowship throughout the

to remain, gentlemen, yours in F. L. & T.

GEORGE RICHMOND, D. G. M.

J. PEIZER, P. G. M.

EDWARD POWELL, P. Pro. G. M.

JOHN LONGMORE SHADWELL, Pro. C. S.

J. L. Ridgely, P. G. M.—I. D. Williamson, G. C.

} *Members of Sub-
Committee.*

[E.]

EAGLE HOTEL, WIGAN, May 16th, 1842.

My dear Brethren:

note of this morning is before us, and cordially reciprocating the hope you express—our arrangements may have a tendency to promote the principles and the progress of Odd Fellowship throughout the universe, we hasten to respond to its interesting

It is a source of profound regret to us that you should not feel yourselves justifying this important negotiation in the manner in which we had hoped it should be fully understood that it should be carried on, to wit: by *private conferences*, subjects should be discussed, and opinions interchanged freely and frankly, and embodied in epistolary forms, for the double purpose of obviating the risk of future misapprehension in the premises, and of preserving as a part of the history of this interesting crisis in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, authentic and reliable records. Inasmuch as there exists no necessity for a report to the A. M. C. conference shall have been ended, we cannot perceive that you will be called to the slightest degree to depart from the usual custom of your government, you order. Reiterating the anxious desire which we have already so fully expressed to meet you on this interesting question, in the spirit of brotherly love and we are constrained to request you to yield the wish conveyed in your note of this morning, to narrow the considerations of this important question to mere preference, especially when such a course would be against the settled practice of well organized societies, whether political, moral, or social. We beg to assure you that we are influenced by no capacious or capricious motives, in earnestly trusting that the future negotiation between us may be conducted in the form designed we trust that you will not hesitate, on a review of the subject, to permit us to progress in the manner in which it has commenced. In consequence, therefore, to the original plan of conducting this truly important negotiation which has been entered upon, we take leave, very affectionately, to submit to your consideration the accompanying paper (F) in reply to yours of this morning, expressive of our further views upon the subject.

Very respectfully, gentlemen and brothers, to remain yours in F. L. & T.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, } *Special Deputies, &c. of*
I. D. WILLIAMSON, } *the G. L. of the U. S.*

George Richmond, D. G. M.—J. Peizer, P. G. M.—Edward Powell, P. Pro. G. M.—John Longmore Shadwell, Pro. C. S.

[F.]

EAGLE HOTEL, WIGAN, May 16th, 1842.

My dear Brethren:

Resolution from the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States regret that the Grand A. M. C. have seen proper to decline recommending to that body, a return to the ancient work of the Order.

It has appeared to the departures which have been made from that principle, the fruitful cause of difficulty between the two jurisdictions, and the principles long well known to the Order in Great Britain and America, as a basis of unity and substantial basis upon which to establish that stability and permanency of relation between the two great bodies, so desirable and so indispensable to the progress and perpetuity of our beloved Order. And hence we had no rest until our brethren in Great Britain have met upon that common and consolidated ground.

But the respected committee with whom we have the honor to confer, have declined acceding to our wishes in this respect, and this delegation proceed to offer the following as the only remaining proposition for the basis of an arrangement which we are authorized to consummate and establish, and beyond which all other negotiation on this subject must, in view of the limited powers of this committee, be merely preliminary, and subject to final ratification by the proper authorities.

1. The Order under the two jurisdictions shall adopt and practice the five degrees of Odd Fellowship with their respective colors, S. T. P. W. and G.'s, as agreed upon in the year 1826, in a joint conference between the acting Grand Sire of the United States and the authorities of the Independent Order in Great Britain, to wit: The first, or white degree, the second, covenant or pink, the third, or blue, the fourth, remembrance or green, the fifth, or scarlet. The lectures and charges to be left at the discretion of each body, or open for future negotiation; it being also understood that the subject of initiation is not embraced in this proposition but remains an open question.

2. No alteration in S. P. W. or G. shall at any time be made by either party without the concurrence of the other.

This system is well known both in Great Britain and America, and while it could be adopted with little or no difficulty by both, would afford a medium of communication between the two jurisdictions, fully adequate to all the ends contemplated. We trust that when you shall make your final report to the Grand A. M. C., you will recommend the adoption of the above proposal.

We have the honor to remain, brothers, yours in F. L. & T.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, } *Special Deputies, &c. for*
I. D. WILLIAMSON, } *the G. L. of the U. S.*

To George Richmond, D. G. M.—John Peizer, P. G. M.—Edward Powell, P. Pro. G. M.—John Longmore Shadwell, Pro. C. S.

[G.]

EAGLE HOTEL, May 18th, 1842.

Dear Sirs and Brothers:

We beg to hand you a copy of the report (H) which it is our intention to submit to the Annual Moveable Committee upon the subject of your mission to the Independent Order in this country. You will perceive from the contents that we have endeavoured to meet your views in every possible way, that, in our opinion, is best calculated to promote and forward the object we all have in view, viz: a reciprocity of kind feeling and right understanding between the two hemispheres.

We remain, gentlemen, yours in F. L. & T.

GEORGE RICHMOND, D. G. M.

J. PEIZER, P. G. M.

EDWARD POWELL, P. Pro. G. M.

JOHN LONGMORE SHADWELL, Pro. C. S.

To James L. Ridgely, P. G. M.—I. D. Williamson, G. C.

[H.]

To the Deputies assembled in Grand Annual Moveable Committee of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows:

MANCHESTER UNITY, Wigan, May 19th, 1842.

We the undersigned having been appointed a sub-committee to confer with the deputation from the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States of America and Republic of Texas, beg leave most respectfully to report as follows:—

That after having had a personal conference with those gentlemen, we found that their powers to treat with the Order in Great Britain were of a very limited character, extending no further than a request to return to the ancient language, without possessing any power to agree to anything less.

This we conceive to be utterly impossible, inasmuch as the language of the Order as used in the year 1826, was not the original language; and that whilst such was in existence, public opinion was so unequivocally expressed against the Order, and prejudices existing to a very great extent, the institution was thereby unable to extend, except on a very limited scale, those philanthropic principles, now so generally known and appreciated, which are so desirable for the benefit of mankind in general.

That since the re-organization of the institution to what we consider more enlightened views, the progress it has made, fully satisfies us, that either the present system, or one made in accordance therewith, and satisfactory to all branches of the Independent Order wherever located, would be more desirable to carry out the views and objects to be attained.

That in the old system there was one very objectionable part, viz:—the administration of oaths; and this being at variance with the laws of Great Britain, the return to such a system would be a serious blow to the Order, inasmuch as it would render the lodges in this country liable to serious interruption from the magistracy, and other official officers of the state, and might eventually lead to its entire dissolution.

Afterwards we received from the deputation, written communications, which are as follows, (see letters Nos. 2 and 3, B)—you will perceive in these letters, that two other points are submitted for the consideration of your sub-committee, which from the conditions we have thought necessary to annex, previous to their final adoption, can only be considered as merely preliminary, and subject to consideration and ratification, by the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States of America, &c., which will take place in September next.

Your sub-committee being of opinion that if the negotiation was conducted in a formal and epistolary manner, it would tend considerably to retard their labors, and feeling anxious that upon such an important and interesting subject all unnecessary formality should be laid aside, and the same be freely and openly discussed; and being aware of the anxiety expressed by the Grand Annual Moveable Committee, that our report should be laid before them as speedily as was consistent with its importance, we were therefore compelled most respectfully to decline conducting the negotiation in the manner insisted upon.

Having been informed in the course of our conference, that neither the deputation nor the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States of America, &c., have power to interfere with the management of the subordinate lodges under their jurisdiction, so far as relates to the admission of members, and other financial measures, and as a number of legal members of the Order from Great Britain are now settled in the United States, who are prevented, from present existing difficulties, to reciprocate in, and enjoy the benefit of the Order, we consider them entitled to our care and protection, and as a considerable time may possibly be required to complete the negotiation, we suggest the propriety of adopting some temporary plan to preserve to them their rights and privileges in the interim.

Considering it also necessary to make arrangements on other subjects than those previously alluded to, we beg most respectfully to submit for your adoption the following resolutions, viz:—

1. That an uniformity in the language of the Order throughout the Universe be adopted, embracing the five degrees as now practised in the United States of America, viz:—1st, the white degree; 2d, the covenant or pink degree; 3d, the blue degree; 4th, the remembrance, or green degree; and 5th, the scarlet degree; as we consider that an uniformity of language is such a desirable object that it would confer everlasting benefit to the members of the Order wherever scattered, and if such a system embraced the signs, tokens, passwords, and grips of the degrees before mentioned, it would be a safe and sure means not only of detecting imposition, but of making the members of the institution known to each other in all climates, and we are also of opinion that such a system is the only practicable one, of placing the Order upon a firm and sound basis: leaving the printed language to be afterwards agreed upon by the executive departments in Great Britain and the United States.

2. That the officers of the Order and Board of Directors be invested with full powers to enter into arrangements with the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, &c., respecting the initiatory signs, in order that there may be one, and only one, universal language known and acknowledged by the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, throughout the Universe.

3. That no alteration be made in the signs, tokens, passwords, and grips, of the five degrees, neither in the initiatory signs, without the consent of both parties.

4. That the officers of the Order and Board of Directors be invested with full powers to enter into arrangements with the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, &c., respecting an uniformity of emblems granted to brethren of the Order, about to emigrate to America; and in order that any of our brethren visiting America, or who may be in the habit of passing to and fro, may be enabled to gain admission into the

American lodges, that a form of visiting ticket be adopted similar to those used and acknowledged in the United States.

5. That the officers of the Order and Board of Directors be invested with full powers to enter into arrangements with the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, &c., as to an interchange of publication issued by the Order in two hemispheres.

6. That the officers of the Order and Board of Directors, shall transmit every three months to the Grand Corresponding Secretary of the United States, &c., for the time being, six copies of the magazine, report, and all other documents relative to the Order, published by them during the preceding quarter, and that the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, &c., be respectfully requested to enter into a similar arrangement with respect to the Order in Great Britain.

7. That a settlement of the jurisdiction of territory be left to the negotiation of the authorized departments in the two hemispheres.

8. That our American brethren do agree on their part, to admit the English brethren who are in possession of legal cards, to full membership into their lodges, on payment of a sum not to exceed 10s 6d of the money of Great Britain.

9. That the officers of the Order and Board of Directors, be empowered to adopt such a measure as may be considered advisable, in order to make a provision for those members of the Order who have emigrated from Great Britain, and are now settled in the United States, provided they are in possession of legal cards, in order to preserve unto them their rights and privileges, and that the officers of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, &c., be most respectfully requested to render their assistance in completing such arrangement: and that it be distinctly understood that this arrangement is by no means intended as an encroachment on the authority of that body, but merely a provision for those members in possession of legal cards, formerly belonging to lodges in Great Britain, until negotiations are completed and ratified by the authorities in the two hemispheres, whereby they will be enabled to join lodges under the jurisdiction of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, &c., which of necessity will take a considerable period.

In conclusion, your sub-committee have to regret that the termination of their labors have not had that satisfactory result they so earnestly desired and anticipated, but we conceive this does not arise from any want of a kind disposition on the part of the deputation but from the meagre powers with which they are invested; and we are satisfied it does not arise from a want of reciprocity of feeling on the part of the Order in Great Britain towards their brethren in the United States.

Your sub-committee are fully alive to the necessity and importance of a right understanding existing between the two hemispheres, where that understanding can be arrived at upon just and honorable grounds, but they do conceive that our American brethren were asking from you what would be neither practicable nor proper for you to grant.

It will be seen from the resolutions submitted for your adoption, that your sub-committee have been desirous to meet the views of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, &c., as far as they considered was consistent and proper with the respect which we conceive is due to the Manchester Unity of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and we sincerely hope, should you think proper to confirm those resolutions, that our American brethren will reciprocate our feelings and sentiments, and meet us in the true spirit of the motto of our Order, "Friendship, Love and Truth."

With sentiments of the highest consideration and regard for the prosperity and promulgation of the principles of pure Odd Fellowship wherever established.

We are, gentlemen and brothers,

Yours truly and sincerely,

GEORGE RICHMOND, D. G. M.

JOHN PEIZER, P. G. M.

EDWARD POWELL, P. Pro. G. M.

JOHN LONGMORE SHADWELL, Prov. C. S.

[I.]

EAGLE HOTEL, Wigan, May 19th, 1842.

Dear Sirs and Brothers:—

We take pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of yours of this date, with the accompanying document in the form of a report, to which we are referred as an answer to ours of yesterday, and which we are informed it is your intention to present to the Grand A. M. C. now in session. Cherishing for the members of the sub-committee

tee feelings of the most profound respect, and being deeply anxious to arrange preliminaries, which would insure in their adoption by the Grand A. M. C., the speedy and certain adjustment of all existing difficulties, we could not avoid regretting the announcement of your determination to decline treating with us in a regular and tangible form; that regret is now painfully enhanced by the evidence before us, that you have found it necessary to take the very position, which from the beginning we were earnestly solicitous to avoid, viz: that of returning to your high authority with a report to the provisions of which the Grand Lodge of the United States cannot by any possibility accede. We are gratified, however, in being able to reciprocate all the liberal and friendly feelings manifested in your report, and trusting to that spirit which prompts them, we yet cherish the hope that the present obstacles in the way of a satisfactory arrangement, great as they appear, are not absolutely insuperable.

We have examined with care and absorbing interest the elaborate document before us, and are gratified in being able to say, that its general principles and propositions meet our most hearty approbation, and in the event of their adoption by the Grand A. M. C., would no doubt, with a single exception, be cheerfully ratified. It is our duty, however, to inform you, that the exception to which we allude, is of so grave and serious a character, that if insisted upon by the authorities of the Order in Great Britain, must interpose an effectual barrier to all further negotiation upon the momentous questions at issue, and result in the final and absolute divorce of the institution in the two hemispheres, a result most deeply to be deplored, but from the very nature of your demand, and the constitution of our legislative bodies absolutely unavoidable. The exception to which we refer is contained in your 8th resolution, and stands in the position of a *condition*, on which the ratification of the compact must depend, as follows:

8. "That our American brethren do agree on their part, to admit the English brethren who are in possession of legal cards, to full membership into their lodges, on payment of a sum not to exceed 10s 6/ of the money of Great Britain."

Although the 9th resolution would indicate, that the sub-committee did not look to the immediate adoption of this rule on the part of the Grand Lodge of the United States, but as a somewhat remote result, to be effected by a change in the constitution of that body, yet candor compels us to state, that for the present at least, there is little or no ground of hope, that such a change could be effected, especially if it were made the condition for the accomplishment of a purpose to which it is entirely foreign, to wit: uniformity in the language of the Order. Constrained then, as we are, by an irresistible necessity to dissent from the resolution above noted, our sincere respect for the committee with whom it has been our pleasure to confer, impels us to place in their possession, the grounds on which that dissent is founded.

We are satisfied that a more close inspection, and intimate knowledge of the real condition of the Order in America, would convince our friends abroad, that the obstacles which render our lodges difficult of access to English Odd Fellows, are to be found in the unfortunate circumstance, that the language of the Order has been so changed in England, that the member from this jurisdiction, cannot be understood by his trans-atlantic brethren, and not in the high prices of fees for deposit of card. This view of the matter is evident, from the fact that our lodges have various rates of admission fees, many of them very low, and in a vast majority of instances, less than the sum fixed by yourselves, as the maximum price. To us therefore the resolution appears unnecessary and impolitic; unnecessary, because the establishment of an uniform work of the Order would open the doors of our lodges sufficiently wide to render them easy of access to all true and legitimate Odd Fellows; *impolitic*, because its adoption, even at the rate prescribed, would on the whole enhance rather than diminish the price of admission, and thus defeat the very object it proposed to accomplish.

But this is not the most objectionable feature in the case. Our lodges as regards dues, funds and benefits, are differently situated. One lodge has a fund of five thousand dollars, and another not more than one hundred. One pays the sick brother three, and another six dollars per week; one gives a funeral benefit of fifty, and another of four hundred dollars, and the prices of admission and rates of dues vary in the same proportion. We cannot avoid thinking, it would be unjust in any power to interfere, and prescribe a fixed and uniform price, at which the stranger shall become a participator in these various funds, and a participant in these benefits; and this injustice is still more apparent, when it is proposed as in the present instance, to make a discrimination and concede to that stranger privileges not enjoyed, or even

asked for, by the members of the family at home. When we have adopted an uniform system of work, we have opened our doors alike to all—we have placed the Odd Fellow from Great Britain precisely upon the same footing, and given him all the privileges enjoyed by a member of our own jurisdiction, having a legal card bearing the impress of our own hand and seal. This we humbly conceive is all that justice or even the broad characters of our Order can require at our hands. Under such circumstances, if the brethren from your jurisdiction, are not pleased with our lodges as they find them constituted in this particular, they can avail themselves of the same privilege as our own members, procure a warrant from the proper authorities in America, and establish lodges more in accordance with their means and wishes, and none will question their right so to do.

But there are objections still more grave and serious in their character than those already noted. The respected committee whom we have the honor of addressing, as we learn from the document before us, are fully aware of the important fact, that the Grand Lodge of the United States is a body of exceedingly limited jurisdiction, and that among the many functions, it is denied the power of exerting under its present organization, stands pre-eminent, the very one which they have found it necessary to make an indispensable condition, to the adoption of a common language of the Order throughout the earth. It would appear therefore to the undersigned, that the condition embraced in the resolution in question, which looks to the adoption of an uniform price for the admission of English brethren on the part of the Grand Lodge of the United States, as an indispensable element in any compact which they would be willing to conclude, must necessarily lead to one of two results—first, to terminate at once the entire negotiation on the subject of uniformity in the language of the Order; or secondly, to place the Grand Lodge of the United States, in the view of the absence of power on its part, to concur in such a condition in the position of asking from its subordinates the surrender of a delicate, sacred, and highly cherished prerogative, as the price of obtaining uniformity in the language of the Order—a result in which it has no interest whatever, which is not common to the Manchester Unity as a coadjutor with it, in the advancement of the great principles of Odd Fellowship, and their spread throughout the earth. We cannot believe that our respected brethren of the sub-committee intended that the grave condition insisted upon, should produce either of these results. Their devotion to the principles of the Order so conspicuous in their long official connexion with it in Great Britain—the spirit of brotherly love which has characterized all their intercourse with the undersigned, and the momentous issues involved, all combine to forbid such an idea. Yet it will be obviously perceived, that such are the necessary and unavoidable effects of the position assumed, should it be sustained by the Grand A. M. C.

Nor indeed, does it appear to the undersigned that the condition suggested is legitimately in place in the consideration of the question before us.—UNIFORMITY IN THE WORK OF THE ORDER, is the great subject concerning which we came across the ocean to treat with our brethren of Great Britain. For the advancement of no sectional interests are we here, but for the promotion of great ends, equally important to all parties, and contemplating the perpetuity of an institution beloved in both jurisdictions, and alike endeared to both, by its practical capabilities of universal beneficence to man. With the question of uniformity in the language of the Order, surely the minor one of finance or local government can have no just affinity; and although in the adjustment of antagonist interests between nations or individuals, it may be deemed proper to throw into the balance certain benefits to the one party, as an equivalent for supposed concessions made by the other, yet, we cannot conceive that such a course of procedure is necessary or expedient between two institutions, like the Grand Lodge of the United States and the Manchester Unity, whose objects and interests are one and should be indissoluble.

With the highest deference we must be allowed to venture the opinion, that the respected sub-committee, have fallen into a great error in regarding the absorbing question now under discussion, as one of immediate interest to either jurisdiction. The undersigned regard it as far more comprehensive and capacious in its character, having for its cardinal attribute the sameness of Odd Fellowship, not only throughout the globe, but through the changes of all succeeding time. It does not appear to have occurred to the sub-committee, that the question now before the Manchester Unity, as submitted by the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, contemplates the two bodies under their present organization, and that in its adjustment any conditions looking to a modification of the organic law of either, would not only jeopard

its final ratification, but tend directly to create excitement and agitation for and against its adoption, in the primary depositories of the power necessary to be surrendered, which in an institution like ours, should always be avoided.

We beg once more to call the attention of our respected brethren to the circumstance, that the great question is that of "*uniformity in the Work of the Order.*" Give us only one language, one speech, and we sincerely believe that every difficulty, in the way of a cordial and beneficial intercourse will be removed. The heads of the Order will thus be placed in constant and harmonious communion, the best possible position for arranging all the details of a more perfect union. And should it appear, that our peculiar organization is such, as to prevent a free and unrestrained intercourse, then will the Grand Lodge of the United States, listen with a favorable ear to any propositions which the wisdom and experience of the Manchester Unity may suggest for an improvement of its organization. But at present that body presents itself before you in its own proper identity, and asks you to unite with it in giving to all, and especially to the members of your body, when strangers within its jurisdiction, a language which shall admit them without doubt or suspicion to its temples, and to all the privileges and immunities enjoyed by its own most favored children. And yet we are pained to know, that our respected brothers of the sub-committee, have placed the attainment of that high and holy object, dependent upon a condition which they are fully aware that the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States has no power to fulfil, to wit: the regulation of fees among the subordinate lodges under the jurisdiction of the several states.

It will be perceived from the views expressed by the undersigned, that the removal of the condition reserved by the sub-committee, in the 8th resolution accompanying their report, is indispensable to a concurrence of opinion upon the interesting topic before us, and we venture therefore to indulge the hope that our brethren of the committee will not feel it to be their duty further to press its adoption. Should the sub-committee or the Grand A. M. C. assent to the proposed modification of the report, we beg to suggest, that in our opinion the ultimate consummation of the entire scheme would not only be rendered certain, but would be also very much hastened, by the appointment of a committee on your part, to mature all the details of the system, and to confer with the Grand Lodge of the United States at its next session in the city of Baltimore in September next.

Indeed the undersigned entertain great doubts whether it would be possible to digest and fully ratify any compact which might be entered into, upon so peculiar and momentous a subject, in any other manner than by personal consultation between parties duly authorized to act in the premises.

In the anxious hope that your deliberations upon the views herein submitted, may lead to the gratification of our wishes, we remain,

Gentlemen and brothers, yours in F. L. & T.

JAMES L. RIDGELEY, } *Special Deputies &c. of*
I. D. WILLIAMSON, } *the G. L. of U. S.*

To George Richmond, D. G., M.—John Prizet, P. G. M.—Edward Powell, P. Pra. G. M.—John Longmore Shadwell, Pro. C. S.

[J.]

EAGLE HOTEL, Wigan. May 20th, 1842.

Gentlemen and Brothers:

We beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of your answer to our report, on a careful perusal of which we find that reference is again made to the manner adopted by us in conducting the important topic we have had under consideration. We are sorry that you should again recur to the subject, inasmuch as, if it had been either practicable or customary with us, we should at once have complied with your request.

We exceedingly regret that the eighth resolution is considered by you such an insurmountable barrier to any final arrangement, but we are in hopes that when the subject comes to be laid properly before our American brethren, that they will meet us in the same friendly spirit of concession and brotherly love that we trust has characterized the whole of the proceedings of the undersigned during this conference, and that our trans-atlantic brethren will ultimately adopt our views in the settlement of the differences at present existing between the two hemispheres.

In conclusion, speaking generally of your answer to our report to the Grand Annual Moveable Committee, we beg to answer you, that we have given the whole of

your answer the most mature consideration, but we see no ground advanced to induce us to comply with your request in rescinding the eighth resolution from our report, but will leave in to the decision of the General Committee.

With the highest feelings of esteem and regard, we remain gentlemen and brothers, yours in F. L. & T.

GEORGE RICHMOND, D. G. M.

JOHN PEIZER, P. G. M.

EDWARD POWELL, P. Pro. G. M.

JOHN LONGMORE SHADWELL, Pro. C. S.

} *Members of the
Sub-Committee.*

To James L. Ridgely, P. G. M.—and I. D. Williamson, G. C.

[K.]

EAGLE HOTEL, Wigan, May 21st, 1842.

Dear Sirs and Brothers:

We, the undersigned, beg most respectfully to present you with a copy of a resolution passed by the Grand Annual Moveable Committee, after having laid our report (a copy of which we had the honor to present you with) officially before that body, and which is as follows, viz:

"That the report of the sub-committee on the American negotiation, be adopted by this Grand Annual Moveable Committee, and in the event of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, not acceding to the resolutions therein contained, that the officers of the Order and Board of Directors be armed with full power to carry into effect the resolution relative to the Order in America, as passed at the late of Man Grand Annual Moveable Committee, and that the whole of the report, &c., be printed."

You will perceive from the above resolution, that the whole of the report, &c., on the negotiation, are to be printed, and as it may also be necessary, at some future period, to prove your authority from the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, &c. to treat with us upon the interesting subject, we hope you will at once see the propriety of retaining possession of the credentials certifying your appointment. We are still not without hope that the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States and the brethren in America generally, will see the justice of our demand and accede to our suggestions. Thanking you kindly for the courteous demeanor exhibited on your part towards the undersigned on this important and interesting topic, and once more assuring you, of our esteem and respect, and of the good feeling existing in Great Britain towards the brethren in the United States, we most respectfully conclude our negotiation by conveying to you the fervent and heartfelt prayers of the brethren of the Manchester Unity, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, that the Great and Omnipotent Spirit, under whose protection you have been safely conducted thus far on your present mission, will also guard over and protect your return to your native soil, and to the bosoms of your families and friends, from whom you have for a time voluntarily estranged yourselves on a pilgrimage in the cause of Odd Fellowship.

We are, gentlemen and brothers, yours in F. L. & T.

GEORGE RICHMOND, D. G. M.

JOHN PEIZER, P. G. M.

EDWARD POWELL, P. Pro. G. M.

JOHN LONGMORE SHADWELL, Pro. C. S.

To James L. Ridgely, P. G. M.—I. D. Williamson, G. C.

[L.]

EAGLE HOTEL, Wigan, May 21st, 1842.

Dear Sirs and Brothers:

Cordially reciprocating towards you personally the same feelings which you have expressed, and congratulating you upon the urbane and gentlemanly spirit which has guided our deliberations upon the important question which has been the subject of our unremitting conference during the present week, we beg to thank you for the copy of the resolution adopted by the Grand A. M. C., which at our request you have been kind enough to furnish.

It is difficult for us to determine what could have induced that body to travel beyond your report, in search of offensive matter to a party who had approached it only in respectful and courteous terms. The present action of the Grand A. M. C.

being the reiteration of an offensive resolution passed at a former period, and against which the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States has formally protested, can be regarded in no other light than an indignity offered to that body. As a matter of necessity, therefore, a decent self-respect on the part of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, compels us to say, that all connexion between the two bodies will cease until the cause of offence be removed, in default of which we have to deplore a result which constitutes the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in the two hemispheres, separate and distinct communities.

We are, with the highest consideration and regard, gentlemen and brothers, yours in F. L. & T.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, } *Special Deputies, &c. of*
I. D. WILLIAMSON, } *the G. L. of the U. S.*

To George Richmond, D. G. M.—John Peizer, P. G. M.—Edward Powell, P. Pro. G. M.—John Longmore Shadwell, Pro. C. S., Committee.

On motion of Rep. Case, of South Carolina, it was

Resolved, That 250 extra copies of the report of the Grand Sire be printed for the use of the Representatives.

The Grand Corresponding Secretary presented the following, being his Annual Report, which was read.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

In obedience to the resolution defining his duty, the undersigned begs leave very respectfully to submit his Annual Report. At the last session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, the several subjects of duty detailed in the following resolutions, were enjoined upon the Corresponding Secretary.

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding Secretary of this Grand Lodge be requested to collect all the property of the Grand Lodge of the United States now in possession of others, and retain the same in his own possession, until a depository may be provided, or as this Grand Lodge may direct; also, that the Grand Corresponding Secretary be requested to prepare an inventory of the same, and report at the next stated meeting of the Grand Lodge of the United States."

"*Resolved*, That in regard to so much of the report of the Grand Corresponding Secretary as is referred to this committee, relative to the property of the Grand Lodge of the United States and Archives of the Order, that the Grand Lodge of the United States instruct the Grand Corresponding Secretary to request of the Grand Lodge of the state of Maryland, the erection of a suitable building on the lot in the rear of their Hall, in North Gay street, Baltimore, as a depository for all the property of this Grand Lodge; and that the Grand Lodge of Maryland be offered a legal interest for the sum expended in its erection, for the use of the same."

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding Secretary be and he is hereby authorized to rent a suitable room as a place of deposit for all the books, documents, and property of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and to transfer to said room the said property, after he shall have made an inventory thereof."

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding Secretary be and is hereby authorized to appoint suitable agencies in the several states and territories where the Order is established, for the sale of the Diplomas, at the fixed price of \$2 each, and to allow said agents fifty cents for each copy of said Diploma sold; and the said agents are hereby directed not to sell to any brother but those who have attained the Scarlet Degree, and who shall produce a certificate from the lodge to which they are attached, setting forth their rank and worthiness at the time of application."

I have the honor to report, that early after the adjournment of the session of 1841, all the property of every description belonging to the Grand Lodge of the United States, was carefully collected and submitted to the examination of the Representatives of Maryland and Missouri, by whom it was enumerated and scheduled in detail—a copy of which is herewith presented, (Doc. A.) This property was transferred by the Corresponding Secretary

to a suitable room, rented for that purpose under the authority of the resolution requiring the same, and is now in the proper custody of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

In regard to so much of the above resolutions, which direct a negotiation with the Grand Lodge of Maryland for the erection of a suitable building in the rear of the hall belonging to that body in the city of Baltimore, as a depository for the valuable property of the Grand Lodge of the United States, the undersigned respectfully reports, that application was duly made to the Grand Lodge of Maryland, at its October session, 1841, when the subject was referred to the consideration of a committee, whose report at an adjourned session, declining to improve that part of their property, and recommending the erection of an addition to their hall on Gay-street, was adopted by that body. Believing that the object and spirit of the resolution of the Grand Lodge of the United States might be as well attained by the erection of a fire-proof office and safe as a depository for its archives, in the new building designed to be erected by the Grand Lodge of Maryland, the Corresponding Secretary earnestly urged upon that body the propriety of so arranging its plan of building as to provide such an apartment for the use of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and it is with great pleasure that he informs the Representatives that a secure, suitable and convenient apartment, with fire-proof vaults, will be put up by the Grand Lodge of Maryland for the use of this body, as an office for the Grand Corresponding Secretary, and depository of the archives of the Grand Lodge of the United States. No contract has been made for the tenancy of the said apartment, but the undersigned regarding it as a matter of the highest importance that so eligible an office should be secured for the protection and preservation of the archives of the Order, ventured to express his conviction to the Grand Lodge of Maryland, as an inducement for her assent to the measure, that a permanent lease would be taken of the premises by this body upon liberal terms. It is, therefore, respectfully recommended that an order be adopted authorizing the Corresponding Secretary to enter into a contract for the said apartment, for a period of not less than ten years, upon such terms as may be considered reasonable and just between the parties.

Application has been made pursuant to the resolution of the 21st September, of the last session, to P. G. Sire Wildey, "for such documents, connected with the early history of the Order, as were in his possession." That brother has responded favorably to the request made in the resolution, and will present the same to the Representatives at their present session. Herewith is submitted four volumes of the English Magazine, received from him, two additional volumes of which have been bound during the past year by direction of the undersigned.

In compliance with the resolution, requiring the Corresponding Secretary "to pay over all moneys received by him in the vacation, for the use of the Grand Lodge, and to report the same—specifying the amount received, from whom received, and for what object"; and in further obedience to the resolution of the 23d September, 1841, on the same subject, the undersigned respectfully presents the following statement of his receipts during the past year—all of which have been paid over to the Grand Treasurer, vouchers for which are herewith submitted.

1841	STATES, LODGES OR ENCAMPMENTS.	WHAT PURPOSE.	AMOUNT.
<i>Sept. 25,</i>	Neilson Encampment, Virginia, - -	Dues, - -	\$30 00
	" South Carolina Lodge, No. 1, - - -	do. - -	27 67
	" John E. Chamberlain, - - - -	Diplomas, -	15 00
	" Grand Lodge of Maryland, - - - -	Books, - -	8 00
<i>Oct. 6,</i>	Virginia Encampment, Lynchburg, - -	dues, - -	19 59
	" Grand Lodge of New York, - - - -	Books, - -	104 00
	" Grand Encampment of New York, - -	do. - -	30 00
	" 7, Louisiana Encampment, - - - -	dues, - -	20 00
	" 9, Weldon Lodge, No. 1, - - - -	do. - -	21 00
	" 28, Wilkey Encampment, Louisiana, - -	do. - -	10 00
<i>Nov. 3,</i>	Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, - - - -	Books, and in full, -	44 00
	" Alabama Lodge, No. 4, - - - -	due to 17th q'r. -	158 45
	" Mobile Lodge, No. 2, - - - -	due to 12th q'r. -	96 80
	" Grand Lodge of Alabama, - - - -	Charter, - -	30 00
	" 19, J. G. Treadwell, Agent, - - - -	Diplomas, - -	27 74
	" 22, Far West Lodge, No. 1, Arkansas, - -	dues in arrears, -	140 00
<i>Dec. 6,</i>	Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, - - - -	Books, - -	6 00
	" Grand Lodge of Maryland, - - - -	Books, - -	4 00
	" Grand Lodge of Kentucky, - - - -	Books, &c. - -	50 00
	" 10, Massachusetts Lodge, No. 1, - - - -	dues, - -	13 00
	" 13, Grand Lodge of Mississippi, - - - -	quota, - -	20 00
	" 23, Palmetto Encampment, S. Carolina, - -	Charter, - -	30 00
	" 29, Encampment No. 2, Illinois, - - - -	do. - -	30 00
1842.			
<i>Jan. 11,</i>	Oglethorpe Lodge, No. 1, Georgia, - -	do. - -	30 00
	" 21, Wilkey Encampment, Mississippi, - -	dues, - -	50 80
	" 24, Grand Lodge of Maryland, - - - -	Books, - -	7 00
	" 27, Damascus Encampment, Virginia, - -	Charter, - -	30 00
<i>Feb. 10,</i>	Cape Fear Lodge, Wilmington N. Carolina, -	do. - -	30 00
	" Salem Encampment, No. 10, Virginia, - -	do. - -	30 00
<i>Mar. 24,</i>	Florida Lodge, - - - -	do. and sundries, -	100 00
	" Mobile Lodge, Alabama, - - - -	dues, - -	6 68
	" Mt. Ararat Encampment, Alabama, - -	do. - -	2 93
	" Mobile Lodge, - - - -	do. - -	14 96
<i>April 9,</i>	Washington Lodge, N. Carolina, - - - -	Charter, - -	30 00
	" Thomas Stringer and F. Senal, - - - -	Covenant, - -	5 00
	" 20, Far West Lodge, - - - -	dues, - -	50 00
	" Virginia Encampment, No. 8, - - - -	do. - -	12 50
<i>June 11,</i>	Wilkey Encampment, Mississippi, - - - -	do. - -	20 00
<i>July 5,</i>	Florida Lodge, No. 1, - - - -	do. - -	40 00
	" 27, Mt. Ararat Encampment, Alabama, - -	do. to date, - -	44 36
<i>Aug. 4,</i>	Encampment, No. 1, Nashville, - - - -	Charter, - -	30 00
	" 22, Iowa Lodge, Iowa, - - - -	dues, - -	24 00
	" Grand Lodge of Tennessee, - - - -	Books, - -	20 00
	" 29, Glazier Encampment, Virginia, - - - -	dues, - -	35 16
	" Salem Encampment, Virginia, - - - -	do. - -	19 00
<i>Sept. 1,</i>	Florida Lodge, No. 1, - - - -	do. - -	23 00
	" Grand Lodge of Kentucky, - - - -	quota, 1841-2, -	40 00
	" do. do. Alabama, - - - -	do. - -	20 00
	" 10, Grand Lodge of Louisiana, - - - -	do. - -	20 00
	" Wilkey Encampment, No. 1, Louisiana, - -	dues, - -	8 00
	" Virginia Encampment, No. 8, Lynchburg, -	do. - -	7 60
	" North Carolina, Grand Lodge, - - - -	Charter, - -	30 00
	" 13, Oglethorpe Lodge, No. 1, Savannah, Ga. -	dues, 2 qrs. - -	75 00
	" 14, Grand Lodge of Illinois, - - - -	quota, - -	20 00
	" 16, Palmetto Encampment of S. Carolina, - -	dues, - -	21 50
	" " Grand Lodge of do. do. - -	quota and Books, -	40 00

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Great efforts were made during the past year to procure the settlement of accounts with the subordinates to this jurisdiction, and to induce punctuality in remittances. The undersigned is gratified to report, that his labor in this respect has been rewarded with much success. It will be seen that a very large increase has been made in the receipts into the treasury, far exceeding the revenue of any former year. Of this amount, he regrets, however, to say, that a considerable proportion will be unavailable, in consequence of the depreciation of the funds in which the payments have been remitted.

In connection with the subject of the finances of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, the Grand Corresponding Secretary was directed to execute the following resolutions of the last session.

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding Secretary address a communication to each Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment, working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, stating the importance of the object to be attained by a deputation to England, and asking a contribution of at least ten dollars from each subordinate lodge or Encampment under their jurisdiction, to be applied to defraying the expenses of one or more members to be appointed to visit England."

"*Ordered*, That the report of the select committee just adopted, in relation to the proposed deputation to England, and the resolutions accompanying the same, be printed by the Corresponding Secretary, in circular form, and be addressed by him to each subordinate under this jurisdiction, with an earnest request that it receive their favorable notice."

The instructions contained in the resolutions were promptly complied with, by the issue of circulars to every department throughout the jurisdiction, and it is a source of great pleasure to the undersigned to report, that the appeal made by the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, has been responded to with alacrity by the following lodges and Encampments—the amount of whose respective subscriptions, so far as they have been paid, have been placed in the treasury, per vouchers herewith annexed. Many additional subscriptions, it is believed, have been made, of which no advice has as yet been transmitted; when received, they will be added to the list.

Subscriptions for the English Mission.

LODGES OR ENCAMPMENTS.	WHERE HELD.	STATE.	AMOUNT.
Merrimack Lodge, No. 7, - - -	Lowell,	Mass.	\$10 00
Jerusalem Encampment, No. 1, - - -	Baltimore,	Maryland,	10 00
Franklin Lodge, No. 2, - - -	do.	do.	10 00
*Columbia Lodge, No. 3, - - -	do.	do.	10 00
William Tell Lodge, No. 4, - - -	do.	do.	10 00
*Harmony Lodge, No. 6, - - -	do.	do.	10 00
Marion Lodge, No. 8, - - -	do.	do.	10 00
Miller Lodge, No. 18, - - -	Easton,	do.	10 00
Potomac Lodge, No. 31, - - -	Hagerstown,	do.	10 00
La Fayette Encampment, No. 5, - - -	Philadelphia,	Penn.	10 00
Tennessee Lodge, No. 1, - - -	Nashville,	Tennessee,	10 00
Nashville Lodge, No. 2, - - -	do.	do.	10 00
Amount carried forward,			\$190 00

* Individual subscription of members.

Statement Continued.

LODGES OR ENCAMPMENTS.	WHERE HELD.	STATE.	AMOUNT.
Amount brought forward,	-	-	\$120 00
Willey Encampment,	Portsmouth,	Virginia,	10 00
Old Dominion Lodge,	do.	do.	20 00
Getys Lodge, No. 11,	New York City,	New York,	20 00
Tompkins Lodge, No. 9,	do.	do.	20 00
Teutonia Lodge, No. 14,	do.	do.	10 00
Tehoseroron Lodge, No. 48,	Buffalo,	do.	10 00
Covenant Lodge, No. 35,	New York City,	do.	10 00
Chosen Friends Lodge, No. 34,	Cumberland,	Maryland,	10 00
Gilead Encampment, No. 6,	Hagerstown,	do.	5 00
Adam Lodge, No. 35,	Frederick,	do.	10 00
Willey Encampment, No. 1,	Natchez,	Mississippi,	10 00
Mississippi Lodge, No. 1,	do.	do.	10 00
Washington Lodge, No. 2,	do.	do.	10 00
Mariners' Lodge, No. 23,	New York City,	New York,	10 00
Hancock Lodge, No. 49,	do.	do.	10 00
Meridian Lodge, No. 42,	do.	do.	10 00
Greenwich Lodge, No. 40,	do.	do.	10 00
New York Lodge, No. 10,	do.	do.	10 00
Marion Lodge, No. 34,	do.	do.	10 00
Travellers Rest Lodge, No. 1,	St. Louis,	Missouri,	10 00
Willey Lodge, No. 2,	do.	do.	10 00
Germania Lodge, No. 3,	do.	do.	10 00
St. Louis Lodge, No. 5,	do.	do.	10 00
Willey Encampment, No. 1,	do.	do.	10 00
Louisiana Encampment, No. 2,	St. Francisville,	Louisiana,	10 00
Grand Lodge, Louisiana,	New Orleans,	do.	10 00
Union Lodge, No. 1,	do.	do.	10 00
Feliciana Lodge, No. 2,	Bayou Sara,	do.	10 00
Willey Lodge, No. 5,	Galena,	Illinois,	10 00
Alabama Lodge, No. 1,	Mobile,	Alabama,	10 00
Mobile Lodge, No. 2,	do.	do.	10 00
Grand Encampment, New York,	New York City,	New York,	10 00
Mosaic Encampment, No. 5,	do.	do.	10 00
Empire Lodge, No. 64,	do.	do.	10 00
Mt. Hebron Encampment, No. 2,	do.	do.	10 00
Mechanics' Lodge, No. 4,	Wilmington,	Delaware,	10 00
Massachusetts Lodge, No. 1,	Boston,	Mass.	10 00
Florida Lodge, No. 1,	Jacksonville,	Florida,	10 00
Marion Lodge, No. 2,	Charleston,	S. Carolina,	10 00
Howard Lodge, No. 3,	do.	do.	10 00
Jefferson Lodge, No. 4,	do.	do.	10 00
Morning Star Lodge, No. 6,	Smyrna,	Delaware,	10 00
Delaware Lodge, No. 1,	Wilmington,	do.	10 00
			2575 00

The resolution directing the manner of disposition of the Diplomas has been executed, as required. The following brethren have been duly appointed agents of the Grand Lodge for the same, to whom have been transmitted the number of diplomas respectively annexed to their names below. Very limited reports of sales have as yet been returned. It is anticipated, however, that during the session returns will be generally made. A further report, in that event, will be presented from this office.

STATES.	AGENTS.	NO. DIPLOMAS DELIVERED.
Maryland, - - -	J. E. Chamberlain, - -	30
New York, - - -	J. G. Treadwell, - - -	391
Pennsylvania, - - -	N. B. Leidy, - - -	50
Ohio, - - -	M. P. Taylor, - - -	48
Kentucky, - - -	G. N. Turner, - - -	18
Virginia, - - -	G. M. Bain, - - -	50
South Carolina - - -	J. Van Winkle, - - -	75
At Large, - - -	W. P. Saunders, - - -	98
Mississippi, - - -	J. R. Stockman, - - -	50
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In virtue of the resolution of the 22d September, 1841, adopted for the purpose of preserving the correspondence of this office, a suitable copying press, copying book and writing trough, was procured in the city of New York, by brother Thaddeus Davids, late Grand Representative of that state, who kindly served the Grand Lodge in this particular. All the correspondence since the obtaining of the said apparatus, has been duly copied, and is herewith submitted. (Doc. B.)

The above, comprising, it is believed, the several subjects of duty required to be performed by the Corresponding Secretary, in the recess, the undersigned will now proceed to detail such correspondence as been had during the past year, which is worthy of your consideration.

ENGLISH CORRESPONDENCE.

In obedience to the order of the 22d September, 1841, requiring the Grand Corresponding Secretary to address a communication to the Annual Moveable Committee of Great Britain, on the subject of the difference existing between us, and endeavour to impress upon that body the importance of adhering to the ancient language, rules and regulations of the Order—"and mildly, but firmly, protest against any attempt by that body to interfere with the Order in the United States"—the undersigned has the honor to report, that the duty enjoined in the resolution was complied with; and herewith is presented for the consideration of the Representatives, a copy of the communication addressed to the A. M. C. of Great Britain, on the subject referred to.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE COR. AND REC. SEC'RY, R. W. G. L. OF THE U. S. }
Baltimore, January 27th, 1842.

THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

To the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Board of Directors of the Manchester Unity, and brethren of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in England—Greeting:

WELL-BELOVED BRETHREN—

The undersigned, Corresponding Secretary of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, has the honor of presenting the sincere gratulations of that body to the brotherhood in England, at the prosperous condition of our beloved Order throughout that jurisdiction, and to renew the assurances so often heretofore expressed, of its ready, earnest, and ardent co-operation with the Manchester Unity, to extend the principles of Odd Fellowship to every "nook and corner" of the earth.

During no period of the history of the Order in America, has its condition been so prosperous, or its prospects more brilliant than the present time. Peace and har-

mony—"Friendship, Love, and Truth" prevail in every quarter of our jurisdiction, and the march of Odd Fellowship is still onward in strength, character, and usefulness. Herewith you will receive the Journal of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States, held in the city of Baltimore, on the 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25th days of September, 1841; from this document you will learn the interesting detail of the Order in each state of the Union, and will be enabled to institute a comparison of its present, with its former history and position in this country. While it is thus a source of profound satisfaction to the undersigned, to acquaint you with the healthful and prosperous condition of Odd Fellowship in this hemisphere, he will not disguise the fact, that the aspect of the present relations between the Manchester Unity and the Grand Lodge of the United States, are by no means calculated to promote the interest of the Order in either jurisdiction. Those relations, inauspicious as they appear, are the result of misconception and misunderstanding, it is believed, and may now easily, in the opinion of the undersigned, be adjusted; when if permitted to continue in their present inharmonious posture, they may tend to results of the deepest injury to Odd Fellowship as a system, throughout the world, and become the source of evils, sadly to be deplored by all. The undersigned, in the winter of 1841, addressed an official letter to the Grand Master and Board of Directors of the Manchester Unity, the delivery of which was intrusted to brother Pooley, Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge of New York, who mailed the same at Liverpool, to the address of Grand Corresponding Secretary Ratcliffe, at Manchester. To that letter no reply has been received; yet, the minutes of the proceedings of the Moveable Committee, which assembled at the Isle of Man, on the 31st May, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5th days of June, 1841, furnish evidence that it had been duly received, and gave rise to proceedings in that body, which have been the subject of profound regret to your brethren in this jurisdiction. Those proceedings are to be found on page 8 of the journal referred to, and are of the following tenor:

"Resolved 11, We perceive from the American correspondence that brethren arriving in that country labor under great disadvantages, and can seldom, if ever, avail themselves of the benefits of Odd Fellowship in American lodges, *as at present constituted*. We consider it advisable that the Board of Directors be empowered *either to open lodges, or to take such steps as may seem to them better calculated to carry out the principles of our institution.*"

"Resolved, That the Grand Master and Board of Directors communicate to the next conference of the United States, that unless arrangements be made in America previous to the next A. M. C., to treat members arriving from England in the true spirit of Odd Fellowship, the Directors will be under the necessity of making such arrangements for the interest and comfort of the members of the Independent Order now in America, as may seem to them most proper."

In the discharge of my official duty these proceedings were made the subject of a special communication to the Grand Lodge of the United States at its last session, and after mature deliberation upon the importance of the matter, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by that body.

"Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding Secretary address a communication to the A. M. C. on the subject of the difference existing between us, and endeavour to impress on that body the importance of adhering to the ancient language, rules, and regulations of the Order; and mildly, but firmly protest against any attempt to interfere with the Order in the United States."

In obedience to the instruction of the resolution just cited, the undersigned begs leave, in relation to so much of the resolution of the A. M. C. as proposes "*either to open lodges in America, or to take such steps as may seem to them best calculated to carry out the principles of the institution,*" to refer to the subjoined Charter of the Grand Lodge of the United States, the terms and language of which it is presumed will sufficiently explain the relative position of the two bodies, and will demonstrate of itself without the aid of comment, the entire independence of the Grand Lodge of the United States in the business of Odd Fellowship in America.

I. O. O. F.

This dispensation, granted by consent of the Grand Master and past and present officers from various lodges connected with the Manchester Unity, assembled in Grand Committee.

In consideration of the charter formerly granted by the Duke of York Lodge, Preston, to certain officers and brothers of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Bal-

timore, in the United States of America, we the undersigned, respectively, officers of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Great Britain, do ratify, grant, and confirm such charter, and also hereby grant, authorize, and empower the Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire, Representatives, and Proxies of the Grand Lodge of the United States of America, to conduct the business of Odd Fellowship *without the interference of any other country*, so long as the same is administered according to the principles and purity of Odd Fellowship. This charter being granted as a free gift from the Grand Annual Moveable Committee, in Manchester, assembled on the 15th day of May, in the year 1826.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto affixed our seals, displayed the colours of our Order, and subscribed our names the day and year above written.

WILLIAM ARMIT, G. M.	[SEAL.]	ROBERT NAYLOR, Pr. G. M.	[SEAL.]
THOMAS DERBYSHIRE, D. G. M.	[SEAL.]	B. H. REDFERN, Pr. D. G. M.	[SEAL.]
MARK WARDLE, P. G. & C. S.	[SEAL.]	THOMAS ARMIT, P. G. M.	[SEAL.]
BEAUMONT HODGSON, Treas.	[SEAL.]	JOHN DUCKWORTH, Pr. P. G. M.	[SEAL.]
L. W. SMITH, Pr. G. M.	[SEAL.]		
MOSES LEE, Pr. P. G. M.	[SEAL.]		
JOHN TAYLOR, Pr. P. D. G. M.	[SEAL.]		
T. ABBOTT, Pr. G. M.	[SEAL.]		

It is needless for the undersigned to add more to this part of his instructions, than to reiterate the entire sovereignty of the Grand Lodge of the United States, in the concerns of Odd Fellowship in its own jurisdiction, and to assure our brethren in England, that whilst that body has a most sincere and affectionate desire to co-operate in the spirit of brotherly love with the Manchester Unity, in spreading the principles of Odd Fellowship throughout the earth, it can never at any hazard permit its exclusive legitimate authority in Odd Fellowship in this country, to be in the slightest degree infringed. The language of the resolutions of the Isle of Man Moveable Committee are calculated to give offence, but regarding it as rather inconsiderate, than designed, the Grand Lodge of the United States has contented itself at this time with the simple direction to the undersigned "to protest mildly, but firmly in its behalf against any attempt by the Manchester Unity to interfere with the Order in the United States." It is due to the importance of the subject, that an inquiry should be made into the causes which led to the passage of these resolutions by the Moveable Committee. It is said "*that brothers arriving in the United States labor under great disadvantages, and can seldom if ever avail themselves of the benefits of Odd Fellowship in American lodges as at present constituted.*" If by the language of this resolution the idea is meant to be conveyed, that our English brethren who visit this country are unaided when destitute or necessitous, by American lodges, it is proper to disabuse our friends abroad of an opinion concerning the principles and practices of the institution in America, as erroneous, as it is unjust. None such are ever permitted to go unassisted, as the records of the Grand Lodge of the United States will amply testify; but if, however, it is designed to be intimated that American lodges do not receive into their lodge rooms as members, or visitors, individuals claiming to be Odd Fellows, whether from England, or from any other quarter of the earth, who are incapable of furnishing evidence of that fact, by the character of their work, we are bound to acknowledge the truth of the remark, and a consideration of circumstances which have produced this difficulty, will shew clearly, that our brethren in England have reproached us without justice, for results, which they have by a series of independent changes in the character of the Order, themselves successfully brought about. The work of the Order, as originally known, was practised in this jurisdiction with strict fidelity until the year 1826, when it became necessary in consequence of a change in the very first principle in England, that an effort should be made to produce uniformity in the Order, Thomas Wilkey, then Grand Sire of the United States, visited Manchester, by appointment for that express object. Whilst in England he was instructed in this change, and in the entire work; upon his return he submitted an official report to the Grand Lodge of the United States, and at his urgent solicitation it was resolved by that body to conform to the change, not however, without the most earnest and continued remonstrance against the measure by the state of Pennsylvania, then the most influential jurisdiction in the Order in the United States. The language of Odd Fellowship was thus again made uniform, and has continued unchanged from that time in this country; and the lodges in America, "*as now constituted,*" are precisely the same as they ever have been. How then does it happen "*that English brethren arriving in the United States, labor under great disadvantages, and can seldom, if ever,*

avail themselves of the benefits of Odd Fellowship in American lodges as now constituted?" The answer is at hand. They know not the ancient language of the Order, and speak a tongue unintelligible to this jurisdiction. Is it not therefore apparent that the failure on your part to consult the Order in the United States, and the exercise of independent authority to mould its features at pleasure, in England, have produced this much to be deplored result? It has been the anxious desire, for many years, of the Grand Lodge of the United States to preserve a regular and full correspondence with the proper authority in the Board of Directors of England, in relation to the general concerns of the Order, and especially in reference to the momentous subject of the work or language of Odd Fellowship; this wish has been heightened, by circumstances which have brought to its knowledge the necessity which has compelled many lodges in America to distrust, if not to turn away members from your jurisdiction, in consequence of their inability to converse in the language of the Order as we received it from England, and as we now know it, and desire to preserve it. The great solicitude of the Grand Lodge of the United States on this subject, has from year to year impelled it, earnestly and affectionately to expostulate with the Manchester Unity upon the propriety and justice of maintaining the original institutes of the Order, and although it may have subjected itself to the imputation of importunity by the number and frequency of its appeals to the mother country, yet it has ever been influenced by a sincere desire to preserve unimpaired the work of Odd Fellowship, and has not yet abandoned the hope of closing securely the doors of its lodge rooms against that *spirit of change and innovation*, which in its all pervading influence now-a-days, is making fearful inroads upon the ancient teachings of the temple. Hitherto its remonstrances if they have not been received with positive displeasure, certainly have produced no congenial response, and have awakened no interest indicative of a regard for the subject corresponding with the great importance which has ever been attached to it in this country. It is true that in the "official correspondence" of 1838 with this department, the sentiment which we expressed "that next to religion Odd Fellowship was the best institution which Providence had given to man for the amelioration of his moral and social relations," is cordially reciprocated, . . . and assurance is added "*that no definite action would ever be made without our knowledge*;" yet the most important changes in, and departures from the *ancient language* have been made in your jurisdiction, and propositions further materially to change the structure of Odd Fellowship are now pending before the Order in England. We do not venture to deny, or doubt the authority of the Manchester Unity in the premises, but having been educated in the principles and teachings of the ancient school, we venerate the early simplicity of the language of Odd Fellowship, and earnestly, but respectfully, once more invite your calm and dispassionate consideration of the subject. If the principles of the Order are worthy of preservation—if they are destined to be spread throughout the civilized earth, wherever the enterprising and daring spirit of Englishmen, and Americans may lead them, the language by which they are to be understood, and made practically operative, should be one, consistent, identical, otherwise in the *confusion of tongues* the fate of the Order, in another quarter of a century, may be read in the history of the *ancient tower*. It may be that in the strength and power of the Order under your jurisdiction, in the volume of its details, and the scattered location of its subordinates, great difficulties may be found to lie in the way of reproducing uniformity; but these obstacles, although great, have not deterred us from again pressing the subject upon your attention, nor has the unwelcome reception of the repeated suggestions hitherto respectfully offered, forbid the hope, still ardently indulged by the Grand Lodge of the United States, that this important concern will cease to be of no regard to the Manchester Unity. If the protection due to the thousands of Odd Fellows, whom necessity or inclination brings to our happy land, in quest of employment and gain, now unexerted by reason of the confusion in the language of the Order, will not admonish the Manchester Unity of the error already committed in the change which has been made, and of the necessity of a return to first principles, it may still be hoped, that the welfare of the institution itself, as essentially interwoven with its identity wherever practised, may not be longer disregarded. The Grand Lodge of the United States, influenced alone by an anxious desire to preserve the most affectionate communion with the Manchester Unity, and regarding the wider difference in the work of the Order between the two jurisdictions so likely to flow from independent and distinct modifications of it from time to time, without mutual consultation and agreement, as certain in the end to lead to entire estrangement in their relations, at its last session

gave to this subject its most serious consideration. The undersigned has the honor herewith to submit "official" copies of the several resolutions adopted by that body.

R. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES, I. O. O. F. }
September Session, 1841. }

"*Resolved*, That the difficulties existing in the Order by a want of uniformity in the work, is deeply deplored by this Grand Lodge.

"*Resolved*, That so soon as sufficient funds can be procured to defray the expense, one or more members of the Order shall be appointed to visit England—with instructions to confer with the Manchester Unity, on the subject of the difference in the work of the Order, and to use their best endeavours to procure a return to the ancient work.

"*Resolved*, That the Corresponding Secretary address a communication to each Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment, working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, stating the importance of the object to be attained by a deputation to England, and asking a contribution of at least ten dollars from each subordinate lodge or Encampment under their jurisdiction, to be applied to defraying the expenses of one or more members to be appointed to visit England, authorized to use their best endeavours to obtain uniformity in the work of the Order."

These proceedings furnish an earnest of the deep interest which is felt in this country for the prosperity and preservation of the institution of Odd Fellowship—the unanimity with which they were adopted may serve to show, the all pervading character of that interest throughout our whole jurisdiction.

The Grand Lodge of the United States being exclusively a legislative body, exercising a general supervisory care and protection over the various state governments in Odd Fellowship, possesses a very limited revenue—hence the necessity of the appeal made to the working lodges and Encampments, in the resolutions of that body to furnish the means for the proposed visitation to your jurisdiction. The uniform devotion to the general interests of the Order manifested by the lodges in the United States, leave no doubt of a ready, cordial and cheerful response on their part, to this application, and we indulge the hope that ere long, a deputation of your American brethren will visit you, to confer with the Manchester Unity upon this interesting subject. That you will meet them in a spirit of brotherly love and liberality, we cannot permit ourselves to doubt, and that their mission may be crowned with success, is the anxious wish of every American Odd Fellow.

I am very truly your brother, in F. L. & T.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, C. S.

It was the earnest desire of the undersigned in performing this important duty, to carry out the spirit of the resolution as embodied in the instruction, "to mildly, but firmly protest against any attempt by the Manchester Unity to interfere with the Order in the United States;" how far he has succeeded it is for you to determine, he entertains the hope that the effort he has made will meet the approbation of the Grand Lodge. This letter was forwarded by the Grand Sire, through P. G. M. Alcock, of New York, who was especially charged with this and other official matters connected with the Order in England. It was delivered by him in person, and it is a source of pleasure to state, that the communication was at that time favorably received, a large edition having been re-published by the Board of Directors at Manchester, and disseminated throughout their extensive jurisdiction.

In consequence of the appointment of a special deputation to England, upon the subject of our differences with our brethren of that country in the work of the Order, no further correspondence has been had during the year with this office. Herewith, however, is presented several letters from Great Britain of an unofficial character, relating to the subject of our recent relations with that body, and suggesting interesting matters for the consideration of the Grand Lodge of the United States. The undersigned, speaking from a personal knowledge of the parties, cannot hesitate to com-

mend them as among the most distinguished brethren of the Order in England, Scotland, and Wales, their respective places of residence, and he therefore bespeaks for the subjects of which they write your most respectful consideration, confident, as he is, that much may be done for the promotion of the great interests of Odd Fellowship throughout the globe, by a calm and dispassionate review of the counsels so earnestly pressed in the correspondence referred to. (Doc. C.)

Accompanying this report will be found all the documents and printed pamphlets received from England during the past year; among which will be found a highly interesting and affectionate letter from the Grand Master of the Order in England, transmitting a copy of the journal of the Grand Annual Moveable Committee, which was held at Wigan on the 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, and 21st days of May, 1842, containing the proceedings of that body on the subject of the American mission.

HOME CORRESPONDENCE.

The undersigned herewith submits a condensed view of the condition of the Order at large, as developed from the correspondence of the past year, ranging the states under this jurisdiction in the order of their geographical position.

MASSACHUSETTS.—The Grand Lodge of this state has been regularly re-established during the past year, by the Grand Sire, and the Order has re-entered upon its career in that jurisdiction under the most flattering auspices. It is a source of profound pleasure to the Corresponding Secretary to report, that Odd Fellowship is destined in that quarter to occupy a distinguished rank among the benevolent Orders of the age. Several extinct lodges have been re-created during the year, and a very large accession has been made to the number of our brethren, chosen from among the most steady, industrious, and respectable classes of the community. A liberal subscription has been made by that state to the English mission, and its annual report presented by the R. W. Grand Representative, who appears in person, will be received with great gratification by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

CONNECTICUT.—Happily for Odd Fellowship, it was upon its introduction into this state committed to proper hands; from the very moment of its inception into Connecticut, it has not halted in its onward progress. At the last session, it was although but an infant member of the confederacy, represented by the distinguished brother who now presides as Grand Master of the state. It continues to enjoy a high degree of prosperity in all its departments. Valuable aid has been afforded to the pages of the "Official Magazine" from this state.

NEW YORK.—This being the residence of the Grand Sire, the Corresponding Secretary has had but little correspondence with that jurisdiction. From personal observation, however, made in several parts of New York, the undersigned with pride and pleasure announces, that the empire of Odd Fellowship is still onward in that splendid state. Peace and harmony prevail throughout its extended borders, and a spirit of untiring energy obtains throughout the fraternity, to disseminate the blessings of our beloved Order to every corner of its jurisdiction. A large subscription has been made to the English mission from New York, with that accus-

toned promptness which has ever characterized this constituency, whenever an appeal has been made to its intelligence and liberality by this body.

NEW JERSEY.—The correspondence with this state, during the recess, has been limited. Enough, however, has transpired to afford the most gratifying evidence of the continued progress of Odd Fellowship within its borders.

PENNSYLVANIA.—The surrender of jurisdiction on the part of the Patriarchal Order in this state, which was accepted by the Grand Lodge at its last session, has been duly consummated by the delivery to that body, of the new charter authorized in the manner especially directed by the resolution; this instrument was intrusted to the late Representative, P. G. N. B. Leidy, of that state, with an injunction to receive in return the old charter, and to cause the same to be transmitted to this office. The Order in all its departments is believed to be eminently prosperous in Pennsylvania.

DELAWARE.—The undersigned had the gratification of visiting the lodges under this jurisdiction during the past year, and it affords him very great pleasure to bear witness to the increasing improvement of the Order in this state. To P. G. Sire Glazier especially are we indebted for his indefatigable exertions to revive Odd Fellowship in Delaware. The English mission has received the favorable consideration of the brethren of this state.

MARYLAND.—This being the seat of government of the Order no correspondence takes place with the Grand Lodge of the state. It may be gratifying, however, to our brethren throughout the Union to learn, that our beloved Order continues to be appreciated and to prosper in this ancient jurisdiction. The state has responded liberally to the appeal made for patronage to the English mission.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—The reports from Columbia Encampment have been duly made to this office from the District of Columbia, and although, no correspondence has been had with the Grand Secretary in relation to the concerns of the Order, the gratifying information has been presented from time to time by the distinguished Grand Representative of the District, that the Order is in all respects as they would desire it to be in that region—commanding public confidence and enjoying a position of enviable eminence in the community.

VIRGINIA.—I have great pleasure in presenting the most satisfactory report of the career of Odd Fellowship in the state of Virginia. Reports have been received from Jerusalem, Virginia, Glazier, and Salem Encampments *only* during the recess, and the undersigned, in view of the great irregularity on the part of the subordinate Encampments in this state, in making their reports, begs leave thus publicly to commend as worthy of great credit, the punctuality of these Encampments in reporting to this office. A dispensation was issued for the opening of Damascus Encampment, No. 9, to be located at Smithfield, Isle of Wight county, Virginia,—also to Salem Encampment, No. 10, to be located at Hampton of the same state. The deputation to open the former was intrusted to P. G. M. George M. Bain and the latter to P. C. P. E. C. Robinson, the returns of which have been duly made to the Grand Sire.

NORTH CAROLINA.—During the vacation of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, Odd Fellowship has nowhere progressed with greater strength than in the state of North Carolina. Dispensations have been issued for the opening of Cape Fear Lodge, No. 2, located at Wilmington, North Carolina, and Washington Lodge, No. 3, at Murfreesborough, in the same state. These lodges have been formally instituted under the most flattering auspices, by D. D. G. Sire George M. Bain, to whom the Grand Lodge is under lasting obligations for his valuable services in promptly consenting at all times, whenever called upon, to promote the advancement of the Order in this particular. An application has been made and is herewith presented from the lodges in North Carolina for admission into the confederacy at your present session; an event which, in view of the recent introduction of the Order in that state, will be truly gratifying to the Representatives of the states.

SOUTH CAROLINA.—The correspondence with the Order in this state has been no less pleasurable to the undersigned, during the past year, than it was during the year 1841. Nor has the enthusiasm and energy which prevailed among the brotherhood in the latter year, abated one jot or tittle. The career of our beloved Order is still onward in this jurisdiction, and it seems destined to spread itself all over its fertile plains. The R. W. Grand Lodge has been duly instituted during the recess, by that ever to be commended laborer in the moral vineyard of Odd Fellowship, P. G. M. George M. Bain, and the administration of the affairs of the state have been committed to the hands of brethren who have, by their high individual worth and devotion to the principles of the Order, contributed largely to elevate its name and character in that community. All the lodges in that state have made their final report to this jurisdiction, and a dispensation has been issued to Palmetto Encampment, No. 1, at Charleston, which has been duly instituted, and is now in successful work. The first annual report of the Grand Lodge has been made to this office, exhibiting the gratifying fact that the Order now numbers nearly eight hundred contributing members in this state, and the amount of the joint revenue of the lodges during the past year, exceeds nine thousand dollars. When it is recollected that but two years have elapsed since Odd Fellowship was first planted in South Carolina, these results speak volumes in commendation of the high moral influence of our beloved Order. Palmetto Encampment, No. 1, has also made a most brilliant report. The lodges in this state have contributed to the English mission.

GEORGIA.—This state has been added to the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, during the recess. A dispensation was issued to Oglethorpe Lodge, No. 1, located at the city of Savannah, in the state of Georgia, which was instituted by P. G. Albert Case, of the city of Charleston, who was duly deputed for that purpose; his report of the prospects of Odd Fellowship in that jurisdiction is in the highest degree cheering. This lodge has made its report.

ALABAMA.—The lodges in this state having made a formal application for a Grand Lodge, a dispensation was issued for that purpose, and D. D. G. Sire C. J. B. Fisher, and P. G. Page, of New York, were deputed to institute the same, who have duly reported to the Grand Sire the performance of the duty assigned to them. The subordinate lodges have made

their final reports to this jurisdiction, and their accounts have been closed. Mt. Ararat Encampment, No. 1, of this state, has also made its regular reports. In no part of our jurisdiction, has greater efforts been made to preserve the purity of the principles of Odd Fellowship, than in Alabama, and the highest degree of prosperity, I am happy to report, has been the reward of their efforts in the cause of the Order. This state has encouraged the English mission, and made its annual report in due season.

MISSISSIPPI.—Wilkey Encampment, No. 1, of this state has made its reports to this office, and the report of the Grand Lodge for 1841, too late for that session, has been since duly made. The undersigned regrets that in Mississippi he finds it difficult to maintain a regular official correspondence, and consequently is unable to present a just view of the condition of the Order in that state. He has the satisfaction to say, however, that the Order is improving in that jurisdiction. The lodges and Encampments of this state have promptly responded in aid of the English Mission, and remitted the amount to this office.

LOUISIANA.—Since your last session, when the condition of the Order in Louisiana was reported in unfavorable circumstances, more gratifying accounts have been received of its re-animation and successful struggle for preservation. The difficulties in which it was involved with a sister institution were referred to the Grand Sire, with whom all correspondence on that subject has been had. To P. G. M. Mondelli, much credit is due for his great exertions to revive the Order in New Orleans. The Grand Lodge, its subordinates, and Louisiana Encampment, have each subscribed to the English mission fund. Herewith is submitted the annual report of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, and Wilkey Encampment, No. 1, (revived during the past year,) accompanying which will be found an earnest appeal for the interposition of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, to defend the Order in that state from the continued persecution of the Masonic Order; this subject the undersigned again presses upon your respectful consideration.

FLORIDA.—The quarterly reports of Florida Lodge, No. 1, located at Jacksonville, East Florida, have been regularly made to this office—the lodge now numbers sixty contributing members, and is in the most prosperous circumstances. It has subscribed and remitted \$10 towards the English mission. Herewith is submitted a resolution passed unanimously by the lodge, requiring your early consideration.

ARKANSAS.—Far West Lodge, No. 1, the only one in this state, has made its regular reports during the past year, and it is a source of pleasure to report that it is in a much more improved condition than it was in 1841. It contains sixty contributing members at this time, and the work appears to be properly conducted in that jurisdiction.

MISSOURI.—The undersigned has been advised of the election of the Grand Representative of this state, and of his arrival at the seat of your sessions, this event of itself will furnish the most abundant evidence of the devotion of our brethren of that distant jurisdiction, to the interests of Odd Fellowship. Much is due to P. G. M. Stewart, the distinguished Representative elect, for his continuous and valuable correspondence with this department, and for his unremitting exertions, in promoting the advancement of the Order in that state. All the lodges in Missouri have

sustained the English mission fund. The Order can boast no brighter link in the chain of our union than that of the Grand Lodge of Missouri. The annual report of the state has been made in due time.

ILLINOIS.—The instructions given, by resolution of the last session, for the removal of the Grand Lodge of this state, have been complied with. Some difficulties have been encountered in carrying into effect your order on that subject, growing out of a refusal, on the part of the former officers, at Alton, to surrender the charter and books; a peremptory order was issued from this office, on that subject, when the charter, books and papers were surrendered, and the Grand Lodge was duly re-organized at Springfield. A list of the Grand Officers is herewith presented. Since its removal to Springfield, three new lodges have been created, and its prospects of revival and prosperity, in that state, are now beyond question. The correspondence on the whole subject of the removal of the Grand Lodge is herewith submitted. A dispensation has been issued to Lebanon Encampment, No. 2, at Springfield, Illinois. The annual report of the Grand Lodge has been made in due season, and is herewith presented.

INDIANA.—The order of the last session, authorizing the removal of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, from New Albany to the city of Madison, has been executed, and the Grand Lodge now assembles at Madison. A practice has prevailed in this state of holding sessions of the Grand Lodge at other places than the one designated in their charter. Application has been made to this department as to the legality of the custom. The undersigned has informed the applicants of its impropriety and irregularity, unless simply for *adjourned* meetings. The correspondence upon this subject, and other equally interesting topics, are herewith submitted. No means are in the possession of the undersigned of furnishing information as to the real state of the Order in Indiana, or what influence the removal of the sessions of the Grand Lodge from New Albany to Madison has had upon its condition. The Annual Session of the Grand Lodge convened on the 15th August, and the annual report will doubtless be received.

OHIO.—This continues to be among the most prosperous jurisdictions of the Order in the United States. It has ever been the pleasure of the Corresponding Secretary to maintain a regular epistolary correspondence with the Grand Officers and leading brothers of Ohio. The annual report has been made, and being among the very few instances in which the law requiring such documents to be in the possession of the undersigned at least one month previous to the Annual Session, he feels it to be his duty thus to distinguish it. From this instrument, it will appear that great pains are taken to furnish every information to this department, of the entire details of their operations during the year. If a similar course was adopted in all the states, the Corresponding Secretary would be enabled to spread before the Order annually, such an abstract of its general concerns as would be a true mirror of its real condition.

KENTUCKY.—The annual report of this state Grand Lodge not being made during your last session, and no official correspondence having been had with the state during the year, induced fears at that time that Old Fellowship was not in its former good circumstances in that jurisdiction. I am happy to report, that those fears were entirely groundless, and that our beloved Order is in the most prosperous condition in that enlightened state.

The annual report of the Grand Lodge was received immediately after your adjournment; the most satisfactory reason having been assigned for its delay. The Grand Secretary of that state has been among the most interesting correspondents of this office, from whom I learn that the Order is spreading throughout every part of Kentucky. The annual report for 1842, has been duly made.

TENNESSEE.—The Grand Lodge of the United States has reason to congratulate itself upon the enviable condition which Odd Fellowship occupies in Tennessee, especially when its comparative infancy in that region is regarded. G. M. T. Kezer, of this state, has been unremitting in his efforts to disseminate the principles of Odd Fellowship in his jurisdiction. From the elaborate communication made by him, accompanying the annual report of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, it will be seen that our Order is destined to as great a degree of popularity and regard in the west as it has ever enjoyed in the eastern states. An application *in strict conformity* to the Constitution and general laws, has been made for an Encampment charter, accompanied with the sum of \$30. The usual dispensation was prepared, and ready to be transmitted to the applicants, when a protest or remonstrance against granting the same was received from the Grand Master of the state, upon the ground that the application had not met the approbation of the lodges of the state. Herewith is submitted the application and remonstrance. (Doc. D.) This state has sustained the English mission fund.

IOWA TERRITORY.—The report of Iowa Lodge, No. 1, of this territory, has been regularly made to this office. Herewith is submitted a petition from the lodge, praying a remission of dues for the past year, setting forth embarrassments growing out of the erection of a hall for their place of meeting as the sole cause of this necessity. This request is earnestly commended to your favorable notice by D. D. G. Sire John G. Potts, whose constant superintendence and devotion to the interests of our Order in his jurisdiction, entitles him to your fullest confidence and regard. The general condition of the lodge has improved. I also present a petition from a number of brethren for a new lodge, to be located at Burlington, in this territory.

REPUBLIC OF TEXAS.—The official return of the organization of the Grand Lodge of this republic has been received during the past year, from P. G. M. J. De Cordova, D. D. Grand Sire of that jurisdiction. Galveston Lodge has also reported finally, and represents its condition as entirely prosperous.

The printed proceedings of the last session were distributed within the time, and in the quantities prescribed by law, throughout all the states. The undersigned is happy to say, that he has not received a single complaint of the failure of the same to reach their respective places of destination. The voluminous size of the journal, and the great increase of the same, in view of the vastly increased business of this department, requires an extension of the time allowed the Corresponding Secretary to prepare the same for the printer. It is respectfully recommended that the law in this particular be rescinded. Fifteen hundred copies of the journal of 1841, were printed, nine hundred of which were delivered to the agent of the Covenant.

The undersigned has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the quarterly proceedings of the Grand Lodges of Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Virginia and Kentucky, and copies of the Constitutions of the Grand Lodges of Connecticut, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Grand Encampment of Patriarchs, of New York. Also, the By-Laws of Virginia Encampment, of Virginia, and St. Louis Lodge, of Missouri, all of which accompany this communication.

Dispensations, conformably to law, under the direction of the Grand Sire, have been issued from this office upon proper and constitutional application for the same:

For Grand Lodge.—To the state of Alabama.

For Subordinate Encampments.

To the state of South Carolina—Palmetto, No. 1, Charleston.

To the state of Illinois—Lebanon, No. 3, Springfield.

To the state of Virginia—Damascus, No. 9, Smithfield.

To the state of Virginia—Salem, No. 10, Hampton.

For Subordinate Lodges.

To the state of Georgia—Oglethorpe, No. 1, Savannah.

To the state of North Carolina—Cape Fear, No. 2, Wilmington.

To the state of North Carolina—Washington, No. 3, Murfreesborough.

Charters have also been issued, as directed at your last session, to the Grand Lodges of Massachusetts, South Carolina, and Tennessee. To Florida Lodge, No. 1, of Florida; Marion Lodge, No. 2, of South Carolina, and Weldon Lodge, No. 1, of North Carolina. To Encampments No's 1 and 2, Connecticut, and No. 8, Lynchburg, Virginia. The various petitions and official reports of the deputations acting in the premises are herewith submitted, and it will be the duty of the Representatives to authorize charters to be issued in lieu of the dispensations under which the lodges and Encampments, created in the recess, are now working.

Agreeably to a request informally made of him by the Representatives at the last session, the undersigned prepared an Act of Incorporation for the Grand Lodge of the United States, and caused the same to be passed by the General Assembly of Maryland, a copy of which is herewith presented. (Doc. E.) The advantages attained by the Act of Incorporation, if accepted at your present session, will be to put the Grand Lodge in a position legally to enter into contracts, to enforce the performance of all contracts made with it, and generally to be a party in law; an object much to be desired, in view of the great responsibility of the trust committed to its Executive Officers, from none of whom it has hitherto been capable of receiving a legal bond.

In obedience to the resolution of 24th September, 1841, I herewith present (Doc. F) a particular account of the sales of the stock of the R. W. Grand Lodge, during the past year, and of the balance remaining on hand.

In concluding his report, the undersigned cannot avoid felicitating the Grand Lodge upon the general prosperity which prevails throughout the Order. The further dissemination of Odd Fellowship, in the United States, continues from year to year,—it will be a source of great pleasure to the Representatives to be apprized that but four out of the twenty-six

states of this Union now remain without the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, to wit; Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and Michigan. Within the recollection and experience of the undersigned, Odd Fellowship was an institution of very humble pretensions, limited in its operations to Maryland, Pennsylvania, and the District of Columbia behold it now, covering nearly the whole country, destined, under proper guidance and wholesome legislation, to perpetuate itself from generation to generation, distributing countless blessings among its votaries.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES L. RIDGELY,

Grand Recording and Corresponding Secretary.

Office Cor. & Rec. Secretary,
Baltimore, Sept. 19, 1842.

On motion of Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, it was

Resolved, That 250 extra copies of the report of the Grand Corresponding Secretary be printed for the use of the Representatives.

On motion of P. G. Sire Glazier, the Grand Lodge proceeded to consider the annual reports of the Grand Sire and Grand Corresponding Secretary, when, on further motion, it was

Ordered, That they be referred to a select committee, for the purpose of allotting the various subjects therein referred to, to appropriate committees.

The Chair announced Rep's McGowan, of New York; Moore, of District of Columbia; and Hinman, of Connecticut, as the committee.

Rep. Leidy, of Delaware, moved that the Grand Lodge shall assemble daily at nine o'clock, A. M., for the transaction of business, and continue to sit until two o'clock, P. M., and that after the afternoon recess, it shall re-assemble at half past seven o'clock, P. M.

Various amendments were made to this motion, when it was finally withdrawn by the mover.

Rep. Hubelie, of Pennsylvania, revived substantially the motion withdrawn by Rep. Leidy, of Delaware, upon which Rep. Stokes, of Pennsylvania, called for the previous question, which being demanded by a majority of the members present, the said previous question was put, that is,—“Shall the main question be now put?” and it was decided in the affirmative.

The question was then put,

“Will the Grand Lodge adopt the motion as offered by Rep. Hubelie, of Pennsylvania?” and it was decided in the affirmative.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning, at nine o'clock.

TUESDAY, September 20th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment: Present, the Officers and a due representation.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The journal of the proceedings of yesterday afternoon, was read and approved.

The Grand Secretary presented the credentials of Proxy Rep. Hopkins, of Ohio, which were referred to the committee on credentials.

Rep. Neilson, of Maryland, from the committee on credentials, made a favorable report upon the credentials of Rep. Hopkins, of Ohio, which was accepted.

Rep. HOPKINS, of Ohio, appeared and took his seat.

On motion of P. G. Sire Glazier, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the following amendment to the Constitution, proposed at the Annual Session, 1841.

"That the Constitution be so amended, as to strike out so much therefrom as authorizes a representation from Grand Encampments upon the same terms as state Grand Lodges are now represented."

Rep. Hopkins, of Ohio, moved to refer the subject to a select committee of five, which was decided in the negative.

Rep. Neilson, of Maryland, moved to lay the subject on the table, and that it be made the special order of the day for to-morrow morning, at ten o'clock, which was determined in the negative.

The question being upon the adoption of the proposed amendment to the Constitution, upon the call of Rep. Lucas, of Louisiana, seconded by Rep. Marley, of Maryland, the vote by states was demanded, and appeared as follows :

YEAS—Rep's Hubellie, Stokes, and Hewitt, of Pennsylvania ; Moore, of District of Columbia ; Thomas, and Hopkins, of Ohio ; Leidy, of Delaware ; Brandt, of New Jersey ; Hull, and English, of Virginia ; Bucher, of Indiana ; Ridgely, of Alabama ; and P. G. Sire Glazier—13.

NAYS—Rep's Marley, 2 votes, and Neilson, of Maryland ; Guild, of Massachusetts ; Small Jordan, and McGowan, of New York ; Lucas, of Louisiana ; Tyler, of Kentucky ; Wildey, of Mississippi ; Stewart, of Missouri ; Hinman, of Connecticut ; and Case, of South Carolina—13.

So two-thirds of the votes, as required by the Constitution, not appearing, the proposed amendment thereto was decided in the negative.

Rep. McGowan, of New York, from the special committee to whom was referred the Grand Sire's and Grand Corresponding Secretary's reports, for the allotment of the different subjects to appropriate committees, made the following report, which was adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The special committee to whom was referred the reports of the M. W. Grand Sire and Grand Corresponding Secretary, respectfully recommend the following proceedings for adoption, viz:

That so much of the reports as relates to the opening of Grand Lodges, the meaning of the terms "qualified members," and "good standing, &c." the "uniformity of work in the different lodges;" also, the appointment and duties of D. D. Grand Sires, formation of specific periods for terms, and the extension of the Order in foreign countries, be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

That so much of the reports as relates to petitions, and dispensations granted, be referred to the Committee on Petitions.

That so much of the reports as relates to the receipts, expenditures and funds of the Grand Lodge, be referred to the Committee of Finance.

That so much as relates to the returns of Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, be referred to the Committee on Returns, Reports, &c.

That so much as relates to the difficulty in Louisiana, and Home Correspondence, be referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

That so much as relates to the Mission to England, and our foreign relations, be referred to a special committee of three.

That so much as relates to the translation of the Work of the Order, be referred to a special committee of three.

That so much as relates to the "Official Magazine," be referred to a special committee of three.

That so much as relates to the property of the Grand Lodge, and a lease of a room for the same, be referred to a special committee.

Respectfully submitted.

CHARLES MCGOWAN,
WILLIAM W. MOORE,
ROBINSON S. HINMAN.

The Chair announced the following as the special committees provided for in the report just adopted.

On English Mission.—Rep's Hopkins, of Ohio; Moore, of District of Columbia; and Lucas, of Louisiana.

On Official Magazine.—Rep's McGowan, of New York; Case, of South Carolina; and Stewart, of Missouri.

On Property of Grand Lodge.—Rep's Moore, of District of Columbia; Thomas, of Ohio; and Marley, of Maryland.

The Chair announced the following additional Standing Committees.

On Finance.—Rep's Hopkins, of Ohio; McGowan, of New York; and Hinman, of Connecticut.

On Correspondence.—Rep's Tyler, of Kentucky; English, of Virginia; and Stokes, of Pennsylvania.

Rep. Leidy, of Delaware, moved to re-consider the order adopted, fixing the hour of the meeting, and the duration of the session of the Grand Lodge, which was decided in the negative.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until half-past seven o'clock, this evening.

TUESDAY, 7½ o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, the Officers, and a due representation.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The Chair announced that in conformity with the Rules of Order, it would be necessary for the Grand Lodge to proceed this evening to the election of Grand Officers, unless the rule was suspended by a vote of the Grand Lodge.

Rep. McGowan, of New York, moved to suspend the rule requiring the election of Grand Officers to be held on the second day of the Annual Session, which was determined in the negative.

Rep. Tyler, of Kentucky, called up for consideration, the amendment to the Constitution proposed at the last Annual Session, in the words follow-

ing, to wit: "Amendment to Article II. of the Constitution; strike out 'third Monday of September,' in second line, and insert 'first Monday of November.'"

On motion of Rep. Stokes, of Pennsylvania, the subject, together with all deferred business from the last session, was referred to a select committee, with instructions to report the same to the consideration of the Grand Lodge.

The Chair appointed Rep. Stokes, of Pennsylvania; Tyler, of Kentucky; and Moore, of District of Columbia, the committee.

On motion of Rep. Leidy, of Delaware, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of Grand Officers, when the following names were presented as candidates for the office of Grand Sire.

By Rep. Wildey, of Mississippi, P. G. M. Howell Hopkins, of Pennsylvania.

By Rep. Hubelia, of Pennsylvania, D. G. Sire Horn R. Kneass, of Pennsylvania.

By Rep. Neilson, of Maryland, P. G. M. William S. Stewart, of Missouri.

By Rep. Hull, of Virginia, P. G. M. George M. Bain, of Virginia.

P. G. M. Howell Hopkins, for reasons assigned by him, asked to be excused being a candidate for the office of Grand Sire, and the question being put by the Grand Sire—"Will the Grand Lodge excuse P. G. M. Howell Hopkins?" it was decided in the negative.

The Chair appointed P. G. Sires Wildey and Glazier as tellers, who, having received the ballots of the Representatives and P. G. Sires, as they were respectively called, and counted the same, reported that P. G. M. Howell Hopkins had received a majority of all the votes polled.

Whereupon, the Grand Sire proclaimed that P. G. M. HOWELL HOPKINS, of Pennsylvania, was duly elected Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the United States, for the ensuing term of two years.

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of D. Grand Sire, when the following nominations were made.

By Rep. Small, of New York, P. G. M. William S. Stewart, of Missouri.

By Rep. Brandt, of New Jersey, P. G. William C. Branin, of New Jersey.

By Rep. English, of Virginia, P. G. M. George M. Bain, of Virginia.

The tellers having received the ballots of the Representatives and P. G. Sires, as they were respectively called, and counted the same, reported that no candidate had received a majority of all the votes polled.

The Grand Lodge proceeded anew to the election of D. Grand Sire, when the tellers having received the votes of the Representatives and P. G. Sires, and counted the same, reported that P. G. M. George M. Bain had received a majority of all the votes polled.

Whereupon, the Grand Sire proclaimed P. G. M. GEORGE M. BAIN, of Virginia, the duly chosen D. Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the United States, for the ensuing term of two years.

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of Grand Recording Secretary, when P. G. M. James L. Ridgely, of Maryland, being placed in nomination by Rep. Thomas, of Ohio, was unanimously chosen.

Whereupon, the Grand Sire proclaimed that P. G. M. JAMES L. RIDGELY, of Maryland, was duly elected Grand Recording Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States, for the ensuing term of two years.

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of Grand Treasurer, and P. G. M. Andrew E. Warner, of Maryland, being placed in nomination by Rep. Marley, of Maryland, was unanimously elected.

Whereupon, the Grand Sire proclaimed that P. G. M. ANDREW E. WARNER, of Maryland, was the duly chosen Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of the United States, for the ensuing term of two years.

On motion of Rep. Hinman, of Connecticut, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of the first class of the Board of Supervision of the Covenant, in lieu of the present Board, whose term of office expires at this session.

The following nominations were made:

By Rep. Hubelie, of Pennsylvania, P. G. M. Horn R. Kneass, of Pennsylvania.

By Rep. Case, of South Carolina, P. G. M. John H. Honour, of South Carolina.

By Rep. Neilson, of Maryland, P. G. Robinson S. Hinman, of Connecticut.

By Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, P. G. Napoleon B. Leidy, of Pennsylvania.

By Rep. Tyler, of Kentucky, P. G. M. Charles McGowan, of New York.

By Rep. Jordan, of New York, P. G. Albert Guild, of Massachusetts.

By Rep. Stokes, of Pennsylvania, P. G. M. Howell Hopkins, of Pennsylvania.

By Rep. Marley, of Maryland, P. G. James Nesbitt, of Virginia.

By Rep. Hubelie, of Pennsylvania, P. G. John Dixon, of Pennsylvania.

The tellers having received the ballots of the Representatives and P. G. Sires, as they were called, and counted the same, reported that P. G. M. Horn R. Kneass, of Pennsylvania; P. G. Robinson S. Hinman, of Connecticut; P. G. M. John H. Honour, of South Carolina; P. G. M. Charles McGowan, of New York; and P. G. M. William W. Moore, of District of Columbia, had received a majority of all the votes polled.

Whereupon, the Grand Sire proclaimed that they were the duly chosen Board of the first class of Supervision of "The Covenant," for the ensuing term of two years.

On motion of Rep. Hinman, of Connecticut, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge will proceed to the election of Editor of "The Covenant and Official Magazine," at twelve o'clock, to-morrow.

Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, from the Committee on the State of the Order, reported the following resolution in relation to so much of the Grand Sire's report as requests this Grand Lodge to determine the proper construction to be put upon Article II, of the By-Laws, respecting the qualifications of brethren applying for charters to open Encampments, in states or territories where there are no Encampments, viz:

Resolved, That said By-Law requires the applicants in such cases, to be members of the R. P. degree.

Rep. English, of Virginia, moved that the Grand Lodge do now adjourn, which was determined in the negative.

Rep. Hopkins, of Ohio, moved that the resolution accompanying the report of the Committee on the State of the Order, be adopted.

Rep. Neilson, of Maryland, moved to amend by striking out the letters "R. P.," and inserting the word "scarlet."

P. G. Sire Glazier moved that the Grand Lodge do now adjourn, which was decided in the negative.

The question being put upon the amendment submitted by Rep. Neilson, of Maryland, it was decided in the negative.

The question recurring on the motion of Rep. Hopkins, of Ohio, to adopt the resolution,

P. G. Sire Glazier called the previous question, which being seconded by a majority, the said previous question was put in the manner following: "Shall the main question be now put?" and it was decided in the affirmative. The question was then put, "Will the Grand Lodge agree to the motion submitted by Rep. Hopkins, of Ohio, to adopt the resolution accompanying the report of the Committee on the State of the Order?" and was decided in the affirmative.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until nine o'clock, to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, September 21st, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment: Present, the same Officers and Representatives as yesterday.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The journal of proceedings of the session of yesterday was read.

On motion of Rep. Hopkins, of Ohio, to amend the journal, by abridging the canvass of all elections to mere results, it was determined in the negative.

On motion of Rep. Thomas, of Ohio, the journal was then approved as read.

Rep. Stokes, of Pennsylvania, from the committee on deferred business, submitted the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The committee appointed to examine and report what deferred business of the last session requires the action of this session, beg leave most respectfully to report :

That on examination of the minutes of the Annual Session of 1841, they find the following items of business remaining unfinished or laid over for the action of this session.

On page 351, on motion of Rep. Bradley of Connecticut, the charges and printed work of the Order, were referred to a committee to report this Session.

On page 353, on motion of Rep. Ridgely, of Ohio, amendment to Article III, of the Constitution.

On page 353, on motion of Rep. Cook, of New York, amendment to Article XIV, of the Constitution.

On page 355, on motion of Rep. Kennedy, of Delaware, that a committee be appointed to prepare appropriate degrees for the Grand Encampment and P. C. Patriarch, and P. H. Priest.

On page 360, on motion of Rep. Cook, of New York, requiring lodges to work in scarlet degree.

On page 377, on motion of Rep. Taylor, of Ohio, amendment to Article II, of the Constitution.

On page 384, on motion of Rep. Wildey of Mississippi, amendment to Article XV, of the Constitution.

On page 380, the report of committee on the State of the Order, laid on the table.

On page 349 and 355, the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary have called your attention to their reports, and have been referred to appropriate committees.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN W. STOKES,
WILLIAM A. TYLER,
WILLIAM W. MOORE.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to take up the said report, in the order in which the several subjects were presented.

The first subject was considered, and ordered to lie on the table.

The second subject was considered, and on motion of Rep. Leidy, of Delaware, to adopt the same, it was decided in the negative.

The votes by states being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Rep's Thomas, and Hopkins, of Ohio; Hull, and English, of Virginia; and Ridgely, of Alabama—5.

NAYS.—Rep's Marley, 2 votes, and Neilson, of Maryland; Guild, of Massachusetts; Small, Jordan, and McGowan, of New York; Hubelie, Stokes, and Hewitt, of Pennsylvania; Moore, of District of Columbia; Leidy, of Delaware; Tyler, of Kentucky; Stewart, of Missouri; Hinman, of Connecticut; Case, of South Carolina; and P. G. Sire Glazier—17.

The next subject was considered, when Rep. Stokes, of Pennsylvania, moved to reject the proposed amendment to the Constitution.

The Chair decided that the motion was out of order, as in his opinion the affirmative question of adopting the amendment was presented by the journal.

Rep. Ridgely, of Alabama, then moved to reject the motion (or question of adopting the amendment said to be presented by the journal,) when the Chair pronounced that motion, also, out of order, and decided that a motion to reject a motion could not be entertained.

On motion of Rep. Ridgely, of Alabama, the whole subject was ordered to lie on the table.

The next subject was considered, when the committee to whom it had been referred, submitted the following report, which was read.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee to whom was referred the duty of reporting to the Grand Lodge of the United States, a suitable degree for the Work of Grand Encampments; also, appropriate honorary degrees for the past offices of P. C. Patriarch, and P. H. Priest,

Respectfully report, that the duty intrusted to them has been performed, and they herewith present forms for each degree in sealed packets. And would suggest the propriety of referring them, respectively, to the whole number of members of the Grand Lodge who would be entitled to receive them when adopted.

JOHN A. KENNEDY,
SYLVESTER V. SICKELL,
RICHARD MARLEY.

Rep. Hull, of Virginia, moved that the report be adopted.

Rep. Hopkins, of Ohio, offered the following substitute:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to adopt any degrees that were not heretofore known to the Order.

On motion of Rep. Ridgely, of Alabama, the whole subject was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The next subject was considered and unanimously rejected.

The yeas and nays being called upon its passage appeared as follows:

YEAS—0.

NAYS—Rep's Marley, 2 votes; Guild, Jordan, Small, Stokes, Hubelie, Moore, Leidy, Lucas, Thomas, Hopkins, Brandt, Tyler, Hull, English, Bucher, Stewart, Hinman, Case, Ridgely, Neilson, McGowan, Hewitt, Wildey, and P. G. Sire Glazier—26.

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The yeas and nays were called, and appeared as follows:

YEAS—Rep's Small, Jordan, and McGowan—3.

NAYS—Rep's Marley, 2 votes; Guild, Stokes, Hubelie, Moore, Leidy, Lucas, Thomas, Hopkins, Brandt, Tyler, Hull, English, Bucher, Stewart, Hinman, Case, Ridgely, Neilson, Hewitt, and P. G. Sire Glazier—22.

The next subject was considered, and on motion of Rep. Neilson, of Maryland, it was indefinitely postponed.

Rep. Ridgely, of Alabama, offered the following, which was read and referred to the committee on the State of the Order.

Ordered, That the Committee on the State of the Order inquire into the practicality of abolishing the proxy system of representation in the Grand Lodge of the United States, and to that end consider what means of revenue, if any, can be devised, by which the expense of the Representatives of the several states may be paid out of the Treasury of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Ordered, That the same committee report upon the expediency of so amending the Constitution as to limit the right of suffrage in the Grand Lodge, to Representatives of state Grand Lodges and Encampments.

Rep. Hinman, of Connecticut, proposed the following amendment to the Constitution, seconded by Rep. Guild, of Massachusetts.

To erase the words—"or Proxies," in the fourth line of Article II, and the word "Proxy," or "Proxies," wherever it occurs in the Constitution.

On motion of Rep. Brandt, of New Jersey, it was

Ordered, That 500 copies of the report of the Deputies to the Manchester Unity, be printed for the use of the Representatives.

The hour having arrived fixed for the election of the Editor to the "Covenant and Official Magazine," it was on motion of Rep. McGowan, of New York, further postponed until the afternoon session.

Rep. Tyler, of Kentucky, seconded by Rep. Stewart, of Missouri, proposed the following amendment to the Constitution.

That Article XII, of the Constitution, be so amended as to ~~strike out~~ "third Monday of September," in second line, and insert "third Monday in August."

The Grand Secretary presented the credentials of Proxy Rep. P. G. James Earnest, of Illinois, which were referred to the committee on credentials.

On motion of Rep. English, of Virginia, the Grand Lodge resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, on the report of the select committee on Encampment work and degrees.

Rep. Hopkins, of Ohio, was called to the Chair, when the committee proceeded to the consideration of the subject referred to them, and after some time spent therein, the committee rose, and having by their Chairman reported progress, asked and obtained leave to sit again.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until half past three o'clock, this afternoon.

WEDNESDAY, 3½ o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge convened pursuant to adjournment: Present, the Grand Officers and the same Representatives as of the morning session.

The journal of the morning session, was read and approved.

The Grand Secretary presented the report of the Agent of the Official Magazine, which was read and referred to the committee on that subject.

Rep. Neilson, of Maryland from the committee on credentials, reported unfavorably on the certificate of Proxy Rep. Earnest, of Illinois, when after some explanation from the Grand Secretary, the report, on motion of Rep. McGowan, of New York, was re-committed to the committee.

On motion of Rep. Leidy, of Delaware, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the order of the day, being the election of Editor and Agent of the "Official Magazine."

P. G. M. James L. Ridgely, of Maryland, was placed in nomination for the office of Editor, and P. G. Sire Thomas Wildey, of Maryland, and P. G. Sec. William Curtis, of Pennsylvania, for the office of Agent.

The Chair appointed Rep's Leidy, of Delaware, and Hinman, of Connecticut, tellers, who having received the ballots of the Representatives, as they were called, and counted the same, announced that P. G. M. James L. Ridgely had received all the votes polled for the office of Editor of the Official Magazine, and P. G. Sec. William Curtis had received a majority of the votes polled for the office of Agent of the Official Magazine.

Whereupon, the Grand Sire declared them elected for the respective offices designated.

Rep. Neilson, of Maryland, from the committee on credentials, to whom had been re-committed their report on the certificate of Proxy Rep. Earnest, of Illinois, reported favorably thereon, which was accepted.

Rep. EARNEST, of Illinois, appeared and took his seat.

On motion of Rep. English, of Virginia, the Grand Lodge resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, upon the report of the committee on the degrees of Encampments—after a lapse of some time, the Grand Sire resumed the Chair, when Rep. Hopkins, of Ohio, from the Committee of the Whole, reported that the committee had been engaged in the consideration of the report of the committee on the degrees of Encampments, and had recommended the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That the work for Grand Encampments reported by the committee, be adopted, and that it is inexpedient to adopt the degrees reported by said committee.

On motion of Rep. Ridgely, of Alabama, the report and resolution were ordered to lie on the table.

Document A, accompanying the annual report of the Grand Sire, being the report of the Deputation to England, was read and referred to the committee on that subject.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning, at nine o'clock.

THURSDAY, September 22d, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, the Grand Officers and the same Representatives as of the session of yesterday.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The journal of the proceedings of yesterday was read and approved.

The Grand Secretary presented a communication from the Grand Encampment of New York, which was read and referred to the Committee of Finance.

The Grand Secretary presented a communication from the Grand Master of Louisiana, which was read and referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

The Grand Secretary presented a statement of the accounts of the late Grand Secretary, which was read and referred to the Committee of Finance.

On motion of Rep. Thomas, of Ohio, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the report of the Committee of the Whole, on the proposed degrees of Encampments.

When Rep. Hopkins, of Ohio, moved to amend the resolution accompanying the report of the Committee of the Whole, by striking therefrom so much thereof as proposes to adopt the Grand Encampment degree. The yeas and nays being required by Rep. Stokes, of Pennsylvania, appeared as follows:

YEAS—Rep's Jordan, Stokes, Hubelie, Leidy, Hopkins, Bucher, Hinman, Case, Hewitt, and P. G. Sire Glazier—10.

NAYS—Rep's Marley, 2 votes; Guild, Small, Lucas, Thomas, Brandt, Tyler, Hull, Wildey, Stewart, Earnest, Ridgely, Neilson, and McGowan—15.

So the motion was rejected.

Rep. Hinman, of Connecticut, moved that so much of the resolution of the Committee of the Whole, as proposed to adopt document No. 1, of the work and degree for Grand Encampments, be accepted. The vote by states being called, appeared as follows:

YEAS—Rep's Marley, 2 votes, and Neilson, of Maryland; Guild, of Massachusetts; Small, Jordan, and McGowan, of New York; Hewitt, of Pennsylvania; Lucas, of Louisiana; Brandt, of New Jersey; Tyler, of Kentucky; Hull, and English, of Virginia; Wildey, of Mississippi; Stewart, of Missouri; Earnest, of Illinois; Hinman, of Connecticut; Case, of South Carolina; and Ridgely, of Alabama—19.

NAYS—Rep's Hubelie and Stokes, of Pennsylvania; Leidy, of Delaware; Bucher, of Indiana; and P. G. Sire Glazier—5.

So the motion was adopted.

On motion of Rep. Ridgely, of Alabama, to concur in so much of the resolution as refers to documents Nos. 2 and 3.

Rep. Neilson, of Maryland, moved to postpone the subject to the next session, which was determined in the negative.

The question recurring on the motion of Rep. Ridgely, of Alabama, the vote by states being called, appeared as follows:

YEAS—Rep's Hubelie, Stokes, and Hewitt, of Pennsylvania; Moore, of District of Columbia; Leidy, of Delaware; Thomas and Hopkins, of Ohio; Brandt, of New Jersey; Hinman, of Connecticut; Case, of South Carolina; Ridgely, of Alabama; and P. G. Sire Glazier—13.

NAYS—Rep's Marley, 2 votes, and Neilson, of Maryland; Guild, of Massachusetts; Small, Jordan, and McGowan, of New York; Lucas, of Louisiana; Tyler, of Kentucky; Hull, and English, of Virginia; Wildey, of Mississippi; Stewart, of Missouri; and Earnest, of Illinois—14.

So the motion was rejected.

Rep. Neilson, of Maryland, moved that documents Nos. 2 and 3, being side degrees for Encampments, be adopted.

Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, moved that they be referred to a committee, with instructions to report a resolution, providing that they should not be required as qualifications of a Representative in the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Rep. Neilson, of Maryland, called the previous question, which being demanded by a majority of the Grand Lodge, the main question was put; and the vote by states being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS—Rep's Marley, 2 votes, and Neilson, of Maryland; Guild, of Massachusetts; Small, Jordan, and McGowan, of New York; Lucas, of Louisiana; Tyler, of Kentucky; Hull, and English, of Virginia; Wildey, of Mississippi; Stewart, of Missouri; and Earnest, of Illinois—14.

NAYS—Rep's Hubelie, Stokes, and Hewitt, of Pennsylvania; Moore, of District of Columbia; Leidy, of Delaware; Thomas, and Hopkins, of Ohio; Brandt, of New Jersey; Hinman, of Connecticut; Case, of South Carolina; Ridgely, of Alabama; and P. G. Sire Glazier—13.

So the motion of Rep. Neilson, of Maryland, was adopted.

The Grand Sire presented an appeal from E. Le Fort, of Alabama, which was read, and referred to Rep's Hinman, of Connecticut; Case, of South Carolina; and Hull, of Virginia.

On motion of Rep. Jordan, of New York, the following was adopted.

Resolved, That every member of the Grand Lodge of the United States, shall be entitled to have the Grand Encampment degree, and all side degrees conferred upon him by the presiding officer of the said Grand Lodge.

Rep. Stokes, of Pennsylvania, offered the following resolutions, and the previous question thereon, which being sustained, the main question was put.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of the United States regards the Grand Lodges of different states as the legislative heads of the Order in their respective states, and all laws and regulations of Grand and subordinate Encampments, made contrary to the regulations of the Grand Lodge of the states and United States, are null and void.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments of the states, be directed to prohibit all infringements of, or innovations upon the Order, and they are hereby directed not to recognize any work, not emanating from this acknowledged head of the Order.

A division of the question was asked; the yeas and nays being required the first resolution, appeared as follows:

Yeas—Rep's Stokes, Hubelie, Moore, Leidy, Thomas, Hopkins, Burr, Case, Ridgely, Hewitt, and P. G. Sire Glazier—11.

Nays—Rep's Marley, 2 votes; Guild, Small, Jordan, Brandt, Tyler, Hull, English, Wildey, Stewart, Earnest, Hinman, Neilson, and McGowan—14.

So the first resolution was decided in the negative.

The question being taken upon the second resolution, it was decided in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

Yeas—Rep's Marley, 2 votes; Guild, Small, Jordan, Stokes, Hubelie, Moore, Leidy, Thomas, Hopkins, Brandt, Tyler, Hull, English, Bucher, May, Stewart, Earnest, Hinman, Case, Ridgely, Neilson, McGowan, Hewitt, and P. G. Sire Glazier—26.

Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, from the Committee on the State of the Order, submitted the following report and accompanying resolutions, which were adopted.

the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, coinciding in the suggestion contained in the report of the Worthy Grand Sire, respecting the fixing of regular periods for making up returns from state Grand Lodges and Encampments, and all subordinate lodges and Encampments working under this jurisdiction, respectfully recommend the same to the favorable consideration of this Grand Lodge; and with a view to carry it into effect, submit for adoption the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the various lodges and Encampments working under this immediate jurisdiction, be, and they are hereby directed so to make up their respective reports and returns, as to embrace the following periods of time, viz: annual reports from July 1st to June 30th, inclusive; semi-annual reports (if any) from July 1st to December 30th, inclusive; and quarterly reports to be made up for the corresponding periods, commencing respectively on the first days of July, October, January, and April of each year.

Resolved, That in order to enable subordinate lodges to fulfil the requirements of the foregoing resolution, they be, and are hereby authorized, in all cases where the last part of their terms (seven weeks or more) under present regulations shall have expired, to make one short term, so as to end the quarter at one of the above specified times, and the officers for said short term, shall be deemed to have served during the regular constitutional period, and be entitled to all the rights and privileges accruing therefrom; and where less than seven weeks of a quarter shall have expired,

they are hereby directed to extend the term, so as to require the officers for the time being, to serve for such additional number of nights as will enable the lodge to make up its returns in compliance with the spirit and intent of the foregoing regulation.

Resolved, That the terms of Encampments be either diminished or extended, in accordance with the principles herein laid down for subordinate lodges, so as to enable those bodies also to prepare their returns, agreeably to the above instruction.

WILLIAM W. MOORE,
JAMES L. RIDGELY,
JACOB HUBELIE.

Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, from the same committee, made the following report, with the accompanying resolutions, which were adopted, *seriatim*.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the State of the Order, having had under consideration, in pursuance of instructions, the propriety of so amending the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States, as to provide for the personal attendance of the Representatives of state Grand Lodges, at the Annual Sessions of this body, and the abolition of Proxy Representatives, ask leave to report :

That, being deeply impressed with the importance of the subject, the committee regret their present inability to propose an outline of some general and definite plan that would be likely successfully to effect so desirable a reformation in conducting the affairs of this Grand Lodge as is suggested in the instructions herein referred to. They cannot question the right of this Grand Lodge to abolish the proxy system altogether, whenever it shall deem it for the interest of the Order to do so. Whether that time has yet arrived, the committee will not undertake to determine ; but in view of the financial condition of a few of the Grand Lodges, located in states distant from the seat of government of the Order, justice would seem to require, that we should not without full deliberation enter upon any legislation that might possibly prove disadvantageous to them, in denying them the privilege of being heard through proxies, when it is evident their resources are not sufficient to enable them to incur the expenses consequent upon the personal attendance of a Representative.

And as regards the other branch of the subject, immediately connected with the above, viz: the practicability of so augmenting the revenue of this Grand Lodge, as to enable it to defray the expenses of Representatives from state Grand Lodges—it is equally imperative that we should act with proper circumspection. It is clear, in the opinion of the committee, that the present condition of our resources will not authorize this body to assume such a heavy pecuniary responsibility. The first step, therefore, towards the accomplishment of such a purpose, must necessarily be to lay an additional tax upon the larger and more prosperous states, in aid of securing a full and fair representation of the weaker states. However desirable such a measure may be, it should only be adopted with the free assent of those states which, on account of their greater ability, would be required to bear the additional burden of taxation ; and hence they should be consulted as to their disposition to meet a demand of this nature, to be regulated in accordance with their accruing revenues, in order to effect the total and unconditional abolishment of the proxy system.

In accordance with the views thus briefly indicated, the committee report a resolution for your consideration, which will serve as an initiating step towards obtaining the views of the respective state Grand Lodges on this important question; and, in conclusion, they do not hesitate to express their decided conviction, that it is expedient so to amend the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States, as to confine the right of suffrage in this Grand Lodge to the Representatives from state Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments; but their limited time does not permit them now to offer a distinct proposition on the subject.

Resolved, That Grand Recording Secretary be, and he is hereby instructed, to take such measures as he may deem necessary, to ascertain the views of state Grand Lodges as to the propriety of abolishing the proxy system, and also their disposition to contribute in aid of the funds of this Grand Lodge, for the purpose of securing a *bona fide* representation from all the states.

WILLIAM W. MOORE,
JAMES L. RIDGELY,
JACOB HUBELIE.

Rep. Small, of New York, from the Committee on Petitions, presented the following report, which was accepted, and the resolutions accompanying the same, were adopted *seriatim*.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions respectfully report: that they have considered the applications for the establishment of Grand and subordinate Lodges and Encampments, on which dispensations have been issued by the Grand Sire in the recess. Also, the application of Florida Lodge, No. 1, for a change of locality from Black Creek, to the town of Jacksonville, East Florida, and the dispensation of the Grand Sire, authorizing the removal of said lodge; and would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions.

WILSON SMALL,
NAPOLEON B. LEIDY,
CHARLES THOMAS.

Resolved, That the dispensation issued by the Grand Sire during the recess, to the Grand Lodge of Alabama,* to be located at Mobile, be and is hereby confirmed, and that a charter be issued to said Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the dispensations issued by the Grand Sire during the recess, to the following lodges, Oglethorpe Lodge, No. 1, Savannah, Georgia; Cape Fear Lodge, No. 2, at Wilmington; and Washington Lodge, No. 3, at Murfreesborough, North Carolina, be confirmed, and that charters be granted to said lodges.

Resolved, That the dispensations issued by the Grand Sire during the recess, to the following Encampments, viz: Palmetto Encampment, No. 1, at Charleston, South Carolina; Lebanon Encampment, No. 2, at Springfield, Illinois; Mt. Ararat Encampment, No. 3, at Newark, New Jersey; Damascus Encampment, No. 9, Isle of Wight county; and Salem Encampment, No. 10, at the town of Hampton, Virginia, be confirmed, and that charters be granted to said Encampments.

Resolved, That the dispensation issued by the Grand Sire during the recess, for the removal of Florida Lodge, No. 1, from Black Creek, to the town of Jacksonville, East Florida be, and the same is hereby confirmed.

* *Grand Lodge of Alabama*.—This body was instituted on December 12th, 1841, when the following installations took place, viz: Charles J. B. Fisher, M. W. G. M.; E. A. Kelley, R. W. D. G. M.; Ezekiel Solomon, R. W. G. W.; Thomas C. Rawlings, R. W. G. Secretary; James Martin, R. W. G. Treasurer.

Rep. Small, of New York, from the same committee, offered the following report, which was accepted, and the resolutions were adopted *seriatim*.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Petitions would respectfully report in part : that they have examined the several applications referred to them, and would report in favor of the application for a Grand Charter to open a Grand Lodge for the state of North Carolina ; also, a Grand Charter to open a Grand Encampment in the state of Virginia, and recommend the adoption of the resolutions attached to this report, authorizing the same. The committee have also considered the application of Richard Mansley and four others, for a charter to open a lodge at Burlington, territory of Iowa. It appears that two only of the applicants have their cards in their hands, and there is no evidence laid before your committee that the remaining three are in good standing, as required by Article I, of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge. The committee would, therefore, submit a provisional resolution for adoption.

The application of Anthony Blonville, P. G. of Tennessee Lodge, No. 1, George R. Forsyth, P. G. of Nashville Lodge, No. 2, and five others, members of the Order in the state of Tennessee, for a charter to open an Encampment in that state, the committee have duly considered, together with the protest of G. M. Harris and P. G. M. Kezer, of Tennessee. The above named brothers protest on the ground, that the applicants have not received the sanction of the Grand Lodge, or the members of the Order generally, in said state. Article II, of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge only requires "seven qualified members of the Order in good standing praying for a warrant, &c., this Lodge may grant the same," without any reference to the sanction of any Grand or subordinate Lodge, yet your committee are compelled to report adverse to the prayer of the petitioners, from the fact of their not being qualified members of the R. P. degree, and would, therefore, submit for adoption a resolution in accordance therewith.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILSON SMALL,
CHARLES THOMAS,
NAPOLEON B. LEIDY.

Resolved, That a Grand Charter be granted to Weldon Lodge, No 1, Cape Fear Lodge, No. 2, and Washington Lodge, No. 3, of North Carolina, for opening a Grand Lodge under the style and title of Grand Lodge of North Carolina,* to be located at Wilmington.

Resolved, That a Grand Charter be granted to Neilson Encampment, No. 2, Wildey Encampment, No. 3, Jerusalem Encampment, No. 4, Glazier Encampment, No. 7, Damascus Encampment, No. 9, and Salem Encampment, No. 10, for opening a Grand Encampment of Patriarchs, under the style and title of Grand Encampment of Virginia,† to be located where a majority of the Encampments of the state may determine.

* *Grand Lodge of North Carolina*.—The institution of this Grand Lodge occurred on January 6th, 1843, when the following Grand Officers were installed, viz: John Campbell, M. W. G. M.; R. H. Worthington, R. W. D. G. M.; John MacRae, R. W. G. W.; W. S. G. Andrews, R. W. G. Sec'y; Alexander MacRae, R. W. G. Treas.; Rev. Paul Reppitt, W. G. Chap.

† *Grand Encampment of Virginia*.—This Grand Encampment was constituted on November 15th, 1842, when the following Grand Officers were installed, viz: Jacob Hull, jr., M. W. G. P.; Mallory Dickson, M. E. G. H. P.; Isaac R. Bagley, R. W. G. S. W.; William G. Webb, R. W. G. Scribe; Samuel Hartshorn, R. W. G. Treas.; Wm. Ashley, R. W. G. J. W.

Resolved, That a charter be granted to Richard Mansley, T. G. Schwatka, James Lawrence, Oliver Cook, and W. H. Mauro, on their giving satisfactory evidence to the Grand Sire that they are at this time members in good standing, to wit: with cards in their hands, or regular contributing members of a subordinate lodge.

Resolved, That the prayer of George R. Forsyth, Anthony Bonville, James M. Langland, Peter Billiod, Charles A. Turley, James A. Bostwick, and Clinton E. Temple, for a charter to open an Encampment at Nashville, Tennessee, be not granted, the applicants for the same not being duly qualified as required by Article I, of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Tyler, of Kentucky, from the Committee of Correspondence, made the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee of Correspondence, to whom was referred the communications from the Order in Louisiana, beg leave to report :

That they have attentively examined the whole matter, and regret to find that an accidental collision of private communication between the Order of Odd Fellows and the Masonic fraternity in that state, has had the effect of creating much jealousy and prejudice, and has rendered essential injury and great injustice to our beloved Order in that vicinity.

Your committee cannot report any definite course of action to meet or obviate the difficulty, but would recommend through this Grand Lodge that our brethren in that state refuse to notice or give heed to any thing that may be said or done against them by the Masonic Order. That to remain silent is the only true course to lull the existing hostile spirit which now prevails, inasmuch as explanation or argument in matters of this kind only tend to keep alive the spirit of animosity and jealousy.

With the most ardent desire for the prosperity of our Order in Louisiana, your committee regret that they cannot recommend some course that would at once elevate the Order in that state from its depressed condition. but in all earnestness they would urge upon our brethren to press forward bravely and zealously, fully believing that the time will come when the Order in Louisiana will overturn its difficulties, and become established under more favorable auspices, upon the high basis it so eminently merits.

Your committee, in view of the difficulty which originated in Louisiana, by way of public documents, beg leave to offer the following resolutions.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM A. TYLER,
JOHN W. STOKES.

Resolved, That the names or titles of the Order shall in no way appear in connection with superscriptions to public or private communications.

Resolved, That the Order in Louisiana be requested to rescind all retaliatory actions they may have had in relation to the Masonic Order.

On motion, the report was accepted.

The question recurring on the first resolution, was decided in the negative.

The question was then taken on the second resolution as reported, and decided in the affirmative.

Rep. Leidy, of Delaware, offered the following, which was unanimously accurred in.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of the United States recognizes the Grand Lodges of the different states as the grand legislative heads of the Order, in their respective states.

Rep. Jordan, of New York, offered the following resolution.

Resolved, That all state Grand Lodges may, in their discretion, confer the past official degree of Vice Grand on all Noble Grands of new lodges under their jurisdiction.

Rep. Case, of South Carolina, offered the following as a substitute, which was decided in the affirmative.

Resolved. That the several Grand lodges under the jurisdiction of this R. W. Grand Lodge, be and are hereby empowered to confer the honorary degrees of Past V. G. and Past Secretary, on all brethren who have served as N. G. of a lodge during the first and second quarter after its organization, although they have not filled the said offices of Vice Grand or Secretary.

The question being required by yeas and nays, appeared as follows:

YEAS—Rep's Stokes, Hubelie, Moore, Leidy, Thomas, Hopkins, Brandt, Tyler, Bucher, Hinman, Case, Ridgely, Hewitt, and P. G. Sire Glazier—14.

NAYS—Rep's Marley, 2 votes; Guild, Small, Jordan, Hull, Willey, Earnest, Neilson, and McGowan—10.

The following amendment to the Constitution was offered by Rep. Neilson, of Maryland, and seconded by Rep. Ridgely, of Alabama.

That "Article VIII," of the Constitution be stricken out.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until half past three o'clock, this afternoon.

THURSDAY, 3½ o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, the Officers and a due representation.

The journal of the morning session was read and approved.

Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, from the committee on the property of the Grand Lodge, submitted the following report and resolution, which was read and concurred in.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee on the property of this Grand Lodge, to whom has been referred the copy of an act of incorporation for the Grand Lodge of the United States, recommend for adoption the following resolution.

Resolved, That said act of incorporation be and hereby is accepted by this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM W. MOORE,
CHARLES THOMAS,
RICHARD MARLEY.

Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, from the Committee on the State of the Order, submitted the following report and resolution, which was read and adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the State of the Order, recommend the adoption of the following resolution, as the most effectual method of replying to inquiries on the subject matter thereof.

Resolved, That the term "good standing," as known to this Order, signifies—first, contributing members of subordinate lodges, who are under no *charge* regularly preferred against them, according to the provisions of the Constitutions of their respective lodges; and, secondly, all regularly initiated brethren having in their hands duly authenticated cards from subordinate lodges, legally authorized by the Grand Lodge of the United States, or any state or district Grand Lodge working under its jurisdiction.

WILLIAM W. MOORE,
JAMES L. RIDGELY,
JACOB HUBELIE.

Rep. Small, of New York, from the Committee on Petitions, submitted the following report and resolutions, which were read and adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Petitions respectfully report : That they have had under consideration the application of Isaac C. Nostrand and seven others of the Patriarchal Order in good standing, in Trenton Encampment, No. 2, praying for a charter for an Encampment, to be located at the city of Trenton, New Jersey, to be hailed and entitled "Olive Branch Encampment, No. —," and submit the following resolutions for adoption.

WILSON SMALL,
CHARLES THOMAS,
NAPOLEON B. LEIDY.

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

Resolved, That the blank be filled with 4.

Rep. Hewitt, of Pennsylvania, submitted the following, which was adopted.

Resolved, That a blank Diploma, to be signed by the R. W. Grand Officers, be awarded to each Grand Representative and Grand Officer of this Grand Lodge, who has not already received such certificate, the same to be filled according to the form prescribed on page 311 of the printed journal of 1840, at the expense of the holder hereof.

Rep. Jordan, of New York, offered the following resolution.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge appoint a committee of three to inquire into the expediency of adopting a suitable regalia to be worn at funerals, which shall be called and styled a funeral regalia, and which shall be recognized by all state and subordinate lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Leidy, of Delaware, moved to refer the same to the Committee on the State of the Order, which was decided in the negative.

Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, called the previous question, which being sustained by a majority of the Grand Lodge, the main question was put, and the resolution, as offered by Rep. Jordan, of New York, was determined in the negative.

Rep. Small, of New York, submitted the following amendment to the By-Laws, which, on motion, was decided in the negative.

Resolved, That all after the word "open," seventh line, Article XVII, By-Laws of this Grand Lodge, be and is hereby repealed.

Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, from the committee on property of the Grand Lodge, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The committee on the property of this Grand Lodge, respectfully report :

That the W. Grand Sire has placed in their possession the charter and working books of Industry Encampment, No. 1, formerly of the state of New Jersey, now defunct ; and also a copy of an Encampment book received from brother Andrews, of Massachusetts, which said books and charter have been deposited amongst the properties of the Order.

WILLIAM W. MOORE,
CHARLES THOMAS,
RICHARD MARLEY.

Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, from the Committee on the State of the Order, submitted the following report and accompanying resolution, which were read and adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the State of the Order, respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge be, and hereby is instructed to issue to such brethren as were in good standing as members of Industry Encampment, No. 1, of New Jersey, at the time of the surrender of its charter, such evidence of their regular connexion with the Order as will enable them to join other Encampments.

WILLIAM W. MOORE,
JAMES L. RIDGELY,
JACOB HUBELIE.

Rep. Case, of South Carolina, formally presented, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, a copy of its Constitution and By-Laws, elegantly bound, to the Grand Lodge of the United States, which on his motion were ordered to be deposited in the office of the Grand Secretary.

Rep. Stokes, of Pennsylvania, offered a paper proposing changes in the Work of the Order, which was read, and on his motion to refer the same to the Committee on the State of the Order, the Grand Lodge refused to assent thereto.

On motion of Rep. Case, of South Carolina, the paper was ordered to lie on the table.

Rep. Neilson, of Maryland, offered the following, which was adopted :

Resolved, That during the recess of the sessions of this Grand Lodge, it shall be made the duty of the M. W. Grand Sire to receive a petition from seven scarlet degree brothers for the purpose of establishing an Encampment, where there is no regularly constituted Grand or subordinate Encampment, and that he be authorized upon said reception, to take such measures as shall result in the conferring of the three Encampment degrees upon said petitioners, so that a dispensation or warrant may be granted in compliance with the requisitions of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Hopkins, of Ohio, from the Committee on the English mission, submitted the following report with the accompanying resolutions.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSION

Respectfully report :

That in the performance of their duties, your committee have carefully examined the report of the Grand Sire, of his acts and doings during the recess of the Grand Lodge, also, the report of brothers Ridgely and Williamson, deputies appointed by the Grand Sire, (by virtue of a resolution of this Grand Lodge, passed at the Annual Session, 1841.) to visit England, and confer with the Annual Moveable Committee of the Manchester Unity, of the I. O. of O. F., on the subject of an uniform system of Work, together with the documents accompanying these reports, and are of opinion that the power and authority granted by the Grand Sire to the deputies by him appointed, was in conformity with and in obedience to the resolution of this Grand Lodge, passed at the Annual Session, 1841. That in selecting for that mission, brothers Ridgely and Williamson, the Grand Sire properly exercised the discretionary power granted to him and their appointment meets the approbation of your committee. The great importance of the matters, to be the subject of discussion, between the authorities of the Order in the two hemispheres, affecting, as it does, the interests of all attached to the Order, and more particularly to brothers emigrating to, or visiting a foreign country, required early action to be taken thereon, and as the Annual Moveable Committee meet but once a year, a determination of this subject could not be had till more than a year had elapsed, unless the appointment of deputies took place early in the spring of 1842. Your committee are of opinion that the time selected by the Grand Sire for the appointment of the deputies was a judicious exercise of his discretion. They therefore offer the following resolution.

Resolved, That the appointment of brothers Ridgely and Williamson, by the Grand Sire, as deputies to the Annual Moveable Committee of the Manchester Unity of the I. O. of O. F. of England, to visit England, and to confer with the said body at the May session thereof, together with the power and authority granted to them, meets with the entire approbation of this Grand Lodge.

Your committee beg leave further to report, that the deputies selected by the Grand Sire, proceeded to England, and on their arrival entered upon the duties of their appointment, a detailed statement of their proceedings is contained in the report made by them to the Grand Sire, accompanied by a copy of the correspondence which took place between them and a committee of the Annual Moveable Committee. Your committee have carefully examined that report and correspondence, and are of opinion that the deputies acting for this Grand Lodge have performed the duties of their appointment in a manner which merits the full approbation of this Grand Lodge. That although they have not been able to obtain the consent of the Annual Moveable Committee to a restoration of the Work of the Order in England to the state it was in former times, and have not, therefore, succeeded in the object of their mission, yet they have ably sustained the principles advocated by this Grand Lodge on the subject, and in their interviews with the authorities of the Order in England, have nobly maintained the dignity of this Grand Lodge and of the Order, as practised in the United States of America, and deserve the thanks of this Grand Lodge for the manner they have conducted the negotiation.

They have obtained, and submitted in their report, much information of the state of the Order in England, the knowledge of which is of great importance to the Order here, as the report of the deputies has been by the Grand Sire submitted to this Grand Lodge, and will be printed for the use of the members, your committee do not think it necessary for them to enter into the details thereof, but refer the same to the careful consideration of every member of this Grand Lodge.

Your committee regret that the determination of the Annual Moveable Committee, as expressed in the resolutions adopted by them, on the report of their sub-committee, is of such a character, as to prohibit the idea that a continuance of the former friendly intercourse can be expected, between the members of the Order in the two countries. By the final determination of the Annual Moveable Committee, upon the subject of the mission, it appears, that unless this Grand Lodge yield implicit obedience to what is required by the resolution of the Annual Moveable Committee, the connection between the Grand Lodge of the United States and that body shall cease, and that they will establish lodges to act under their authority in the United States.

Your committee agree with the opinion expressed by the deputies in their report, that this Grand Lodge will not assent to the requisition of the Annual Moveable Committee, and that it would be injurious to the Order as known and established in the United States, to submit to the change in its organization, required by the Annual Moveable Committee, and as it appears by the resolution of the Annual Moveable Committee, that unless the Grand Lodge yield obedience to their requisition on this subject, they will not consent to adopt an uniform Work for the Order, your committee are of opinion that it is not consistent with the honor and dignity of the Grand Lodge to yield obedience to the requisition of the Annual Moveable Committee, they therefore offer the following resolutions.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be given to brothers Ridgely and Williamson for the able manner in which they have conducted the negotiation with the Annual Moveable Committee of England.

Resolved, That until the Annual Moveable Committee shall restore the work of the Order to its ancient form, as known and used in the United States, or until the resolution passed at the Isle of Man Annual Moveable Committee, and reiterated at the Wigan Annual Moveable Committee, proposing to establish lodges in America be rescinded, all intercourse shall cease between the two bodies.

Resolved, That all Grand and subordinate Lodges and Encampments working under a charter from this Grand Lodge, be instructed by a circular, to be addressed to them by the Grand Corresponding Secretary, that they are hereafter required to refuse admission into their lodges, to all persons who claim admission, by virtue of a card granted by a lodge in connexion with the Manchester Unity.

HOWELL HOPKINS,
WILLIAM W. MOORE.

On motion of Rep. Case, of South Carolina, the report was unanimously accepted.

On motion of Rep. Guild, of Massachusetts, the resolutions were considered, *seriatim*, and unanimously adopted.

Rep. Hopkins, of Ohio, and Leidy, of Delaware, asked and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

On motion the Grand Lodge adjourned until nine o'clock, to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, September 23d, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, all the Grand Officers and the same Representatives as of the session of yesterday.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The Grand Secretary presented the credentials of Rep. P. G. M. Robert B. McDonnell, of Delaware, which were referred to the committee on credentials.

On motion of Rep. Small, of New York, it was

Ordered, That 500 copies of the report of the committee on the Foreign mission, be printed for the use of the representatives.

Rep. Neilson, of Maryland, from the committee on credentials, submitted the following report and resolution.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee on credentials, to whom has been referred the certificate of P. G. M. Robert B. McDonnell, as the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of the state of Delaware, have taken the same into consideration, and beg leave to report, that your committee have already passed upon a representation from Delaware, during the present session, but inasmuch as said state has been represented by Proxy, and the present applicant is the regularly constituted organ of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, they therefore offer the following resolution.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ROBERT NEILSON,
RICHARD BRANDT,
ALBERT GUILD.

Resolved, That the Proxy heretofore granted to brother N. B. Leidy, of Delaware, be and the same is hereby declared null and void, from this date, and that P. G. M. Robert B. McDonnell, is acknowledged as the regular Representative of the Grand Lodge of the state of Delaware, in the Grand Lodge of the United States, for and during the full end and term of his appointment.

On motion of Rep. Stokes, of Pennsylvania, the report was accepted.

P. G. Sire Glazier moved as a substitute for the resolution accompanying the report of the committee, the following, which was adopted.

Resolved, That Robert B. McDonnell, be and he is hereby acknowledged as the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Delaware.

On motion of Rep. Hinman, of Connecticut, it was

Resolved, That upon the representative proper taking his seat, the proxy, if any, from the Grand Lodge of the same state, becomes null and void.

Rep. Hinman, of Connecticut, from the special committee, to whom was referred the appeal of E. Le Fort, presented the following report, which was read and unanimously concurred in.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee to whom was referred a communication from Edward Le Fort, upon the subject of his expulsion from Mt. Ararat Encampment. No. 1, of Alabama, respectfully report:

That said communication is not a regular appeal from the decision of said Encampment, and that from all the information the committee can

gather, they see no reason for the Grand Lodge to take any further action on the subject, they therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

Respectfully submitted.

ROBINSON S. HINMAN,
ALBERT CASE,
JACOB HULL, Jr.

Rep. Guild, of Massachusetts, submitted the following resolution, which was concurred in.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of the United States, approve of the re-printing of the Journal from the commencement, in case any responsible member of the Order, should feel disposed to do it on his own account, in which event the Grand Lodge will subscribe for 100 copies.

Rep. Stokes, of Pennsylvania, presented a written proposal from the Agent elect of the "Covenant and Official Magazine," P. G. William Curtis, of Pennsylvania, for the re-printing of the Journal of the Grand Lodge of the United States, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Rep. McGowan, of New York, offered the following, which was unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and is hereby appointed to revise and cause to be published a correct journal of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge from its formation, provided that the same be no expense to this body.

Rep. Guild, of Massachusetts, submitted an order providing for the preservation of the **** in an uniform state, by causing a correct original to be deposited in the archives of the Order for reference, which was not agreed to.

The Chair announced the following special committee, provided for by the resolution adopted Tuesday morning, viz:

On Translation of the Work.—Rep's Case, of South Carolina; Hinman, of Connecticut; and Bucher, of Indiana.

The Chair also named Rep. Hull, of Virginia, on the Committee of Finance, vice Rep. Hopkins, of Ohio, absent on leave.

Rep. Tyler, of Kentucky, offered the following resolution, which was dissented from.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge proceed to establish an uniform practice of giving the S. and A. in the state Grand Lodge degree, also the P. W. in the G. R. and R. P. degrees of the Encampment.

Rep. Thomas, of Ohio, offered the following preamble and resolution, which was agreed to.

Whereas, The question of admitting Grand Encampments to a representation in this Grand Lodge, was involved in uncertainty, and owing to the location of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, it is unrepresented at the present session, not deeming it prudent to incur the expense of sending a representative in the unsettled state of the question.

Therefore Resolved, That this Grand Lodge exempt the Grand Encampment of Ohio, from the payment of twenty dollars, being the amount due this Grand Lodge, for the privilege of a representation.

Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, from the Committee on the State of the Order, submitted the following report, which was accepted, and the resolutions accompanying the same were unanimously adopted.

R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

Committee on the State of the Order, having deliberately considered communications addressed to this Grand Lodge, by sundry officers thren of foreign lodges, respectfully submit the following resolution embodying the views of the committee respecting the proper course issued by this Grand Lodge, in relation to the contents of said communications.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM W. MOORE,
JAMES L. RIDGELY,
JACOB HUBELIE.

And, That in reply to the requests contained in the petitions of foreign brethren for admission into our Order, the Grand Corresponding Secretary be instructed in them, informing them of the following facts: this Grand Lodge has been constrained to dissolve the ties which have heretofore connected the Order in America, with the Manchester Unity of Great Britain. It is the usual custom of this Grand Lodge, upon the petition of five members to receive the five degrees known to this Order, to grant charters authorizing the opening of subordinate lodges to work under the jurisdiction of this Grand

accompanying such petitions, it is the custom to transmit the fee of thirty dollars which will entitle the applicants to a charter and set of charge books.

When two or more subordinate lodges shall have been formed within the same state or territory, each working under a separate charter, duly granted by this Grand Lodge, they have the privilege of petitioning this Grand Lodge for a charter, to be located within their territory.

The fee for a charter for such a Grand Lodge, is thirty dollars, and, when granted, will entitle the state or district Grand Lodge to grant charters for constituting subordinate lodges within its geographical limits, and will, besides, entitle it to represent the Grand Lodge of the United States, in the same manner and upon the same terms, as other Grand Lodges are now represented therein; and the Grand Lodge thus authorized, also have power to regulate the Order within their prescribed limits, provided none of their regulations come in conflict with the general laws and regulations of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

It is further Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding Secretary also inform the brethren in foreign countries, that this Grand Lodge does not deem it expedient to authorize the formation of Grand and subordinate Lodges and Encampments in Great Britain, and other European countries, unless the authorities of the Manchester Unity of Great Britain, persist in carrying into effect the powers conferred upon them by the Annual Moveable Committee at the Isle of Man, in 1841, and re-elected at the Wigan Annual Moveable Committee of 1842, to establish lodges within the United States.

It is further Resolved, That in the case the Manchester Unity shall persist in carrying into effect the powers above alluded to as having been conferred upon them, the legality of which this Grand Lodge has formally protested, that then, and in such case only, the Grand Sire, the Deputy Grand Sire, and Corresponding Secretary, and they are hereby authorized to grant dispensations on proper applications from brethren in Europe.

Case, of South Carolina, from the committee on the French Work, the following report, which was accepted, and the resolution accompanying the same was adopted.

R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

Committee to whom was referred the subject of the French translations, &c, authorized at a previous session, have given the same deliberate attention, and beg leave to report:

That, in their opinion, much doubt exists whether or not the translation is correct, or sufficiently so to be of any use, and they therefore offer the following resolution.

Respectfully submitted.

ALBERT CASE,
CHRISTIAN BUCHER,
ROBINSON S. HINMAN.

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Sire be authorized to employ competent brethren to examine the said translation, and if found to be correct, he order the bill paid. But if satisfied that the translation is unfit for use, then that he be authorized to effect a compromise with the translator, on the best terms he can—*And further*, That the Grand Sire be authorized to procure a correct translation and publication of the said lectures, &c., previous to the next meeting of this Grand Lodge, provided the expense will not exceed one hundred dollars.

Rep. Earnest, of Illinois, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the arrearages previous to this session due from the Grand Lodge of the state of Illinois, be and are hereby remitted.

Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, from the committee on the property of the Grand Lodge, made the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee on the property of this Grand Lodge, not having found leisure to examine in person the properties now stored in the room occupied for that purpose, respectfully recommend that a special committee, composed of members of this Grand Lodge, residing in Baltimore, be charged with the duty of inspecting and scheduling said property in the adjournment of this body, and that said schedule be properly certified and preserved among the papers of this Grand Lodge.

The committee further recommend, that the steps taken by the Grand Corresponding Secretary with a view to secure in the new hall now being erected by the Grand Lodge of Maryland, a suitable apartment for the use of this Grand Lodge, as an office for its Corresponding Secretary, with fire-proof vaults for the safety of the archives, &c., be approved by this Grand Lodge; and that the Corresponding Secretary be authorized to enter into a contract with the Grand Lodge of Maryland, for a lease of the said apartment for a term not exceeding ten years, upon such terms as may be considered reasonable and just between the parties.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM W. MOORE,
CHARLES THOMAS,
RICHARD MARLEY.

On motion, the report was accepted, and the recommendation of the committee concurred in.

Rep. Neilson, of Maryland, submitted the following amendment to the Constitution, which was ordered to lie on the table.

"Article XVIII. That no Grand Encampment shall be entitled to vote in the Grand Lodge while in arrears for dues, and that in all cases

where a Grand Encampment shall notify the Grand Lodge that they have not elected a Representative, and shall not for the current year, that the dues shall be remitted."

Rep. Neilson, of Maryland, offered the following resolution, which was rejected.

Resolved, That hereafter no charter shall be granted to any number of Odd Fellows under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, who propose to perform their work in any other than the English language.

Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, from the Committee on the State of the Order, submitted the following report, which was adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the State of the Order, recommend that the 18th By-Law be amended by inserting a parenthetical clause after the word "territory"—the second line, in the following words: ("and may divide any state or territory into more than one district, when he shall deem it essential to the interest of the Order to do so.")

Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM W. MOORE,
JAMES L. RIDGELY,
JACOB HUBELIE.

On motion of P. G. Sire Glazier, it was

Ordered, That the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, be hereafter required to give bonds in the sum of \$2000 each, for the faithful discharge of their respective trusts, to be approved by the Grand Sire.

Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, offered the following, which was concurred in.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the various state Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, to conform, as far as practicable, in making up their returns to this Grand Lodge, to the regulations prescribed for making up the returns of lodges and Encampments, working under charters granted by this body.

On motion of Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, it was

Ordered, That the By-Law which requires the Grand Secretary to have the record of proceedings of each Annual Session made up and printed within thirty days after the adjournment, be suspended so far as relates to the proceedings of the present session, and that a sufficient number of copies of said Journal be printed to furnish one copy to each subordinate and each Grand Lodge, and each subordinate and each Grand Encampment, working under this jurisdiction, together with one hundred additional copies for the use of this body.

On motion of Rep. Case, of South Carolina, it was

Resolved, That the minutes of the proceedings of this R. W. Grand Lodge, shall be printed in the Covenant, and compose one number.

Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, from the Committee on the State of the Order, submitted the following report, which was concurred in.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred a communication from the Worthy Grand Master of the State of Louisiana, suggesting an amendment in the work of the Order, have had the same under

consideration, and respectfully report: that as the subject is already in the hands of a committee of this Grand Lodge, it is inexpedient to take any action at present on the proposition contained in the said communication.

Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM W. MOORE,
JAMES L. RIDGELY,
JACOB HUBELIE.

On motion of Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, it was

Ordered, That the worthy Grand Sire, and Grand Corresponding Secretary, respectively, be authorized to have 200 copies of their annual reports, to this body printed, and ready to be placed on the tables of members, without waiting for a special order of this Grand Lodge, whenever it may be practicable for them to prepare their said reports, in time to have the work performed.

Rep. Case, of South Carolina, submitted the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Editor of the Covenant, be directed to publish in the October Number, the report on the English Mission, together with the report and resolutions of the committee on the same.

Rep's Hubelie, of Pennsylvania, and Moore, of District of Columbia, asked and obtained leave of absence.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until three o'clock, this afternoon.

FRIDAY, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment: Present, the Grand Officers and the same Representatives as of the morning session. The journal of the morning session was read and approved.

Rep. Tyler, of Kentucky, from the Committee of Correspondence, made the following report, which was accepted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee of Correspondence, beg leave to report: That they have carefully examined the documents submitted to them, and find nothing of importance to bring before this Grand Lodge.

All which is respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM A. TYLER,
WILLIAM M. ENGLISH,
JOHN W. STOKES.

On motion of Rep. Hinman, of Connecticut, the committee heretofore appointed to examine the Work, and report what alterations, if any, should be made therein, was discharged from the further consideration of that subject.

On motion of Rep. Hinman, of Connecticut, the Work of the Order was referred to a select committee of three, to report to the next session what alterations, if any, should be made therein.

On motion of Rep. Stokes, of Pennsylvania, it was

Ordered, That all business not now before the Grand Lodge, be referred to the next session.

The Grand Sire announced the following appointments of District Deputy Grand Sires for the several districts named, to serve for one year from 1st January next, viz :

For Massachusetts and Rhode Island, P. G. M. DANIEL HERSEY.
 " Connecticut, - - - G. M. CHARLES W. BRADLEY.
 " New Jersey, - - - P. G. M. SYLVESTER Vn SICKELL.
 " Delaware, - - - P. G. Sire ZENAS B. GLAZIER.
 " District of Columbia, - - - P. G. M. WILLIAM W. MOORE.
 " North Carolina, - - - P. G. M. GEORGE M. BAIN.
 " South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida, - G. M. ALBERT CASE.
 " Mississippi and Alabama, - G. M. CHARLES J. B. FISHER.
 " Louisiana, - - - P. G. M. A. MONDELLI.
 " Tennessee, - - - P. G. M. TIMOTHY KEZER.
 " Indiana, - - - P. G. M. CHRISTIAN BUCHER.
 " Missouri and South Illinois, P. G. M. WILLIAM S. STEWART.
 " North Illinois, Wisconsin, and Iowa, P. G. M. JOHN G. POTTS.

Rep. McGowan, of New York, from the Committee of Finance, made the following report, which was read, accepted, and the resolutions adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee of Finance respectfully report : That they have examined and found correct the following bills and accounts, viz :

Robert Neilson for printing	\$421 98
Deducting the amount paid by Grand Treasurer,	300 00
	<hr/> 121 98
Bill of John A. Kennedy, Grand Sire, postage and expenses,	80 10
" Thomas J. Ireland, penmanship,	17 00
" Isaac P. Cook, stationary,	22 19
" Horn R. Kneass, D. Grand Sire, expenses,	25 00
" Thomas Wildey, P. G. Sire, for rent,	30 00
" Sylvester Vn Sickell, expenses,	10 00
" James L. Ridgely, for sundries,	25 90
" Grand Messenger, for attendance,	12 00
" John E. Chamberlain, for sundries,	6 50
	<hr/> \$350 67

The committee have also examined the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and find them to agree with the vouchers, and that the amount paid in the Treasury the past year, has been \$2,901 39

And the amount paid by Grand Treasurer, - - - 1,539 78

Leaving in the hands of the Treasurer the sum of - - \$1,361 61
 Of which \$583 50 is in uncurrent money.

The committee would recommend to the Treasurer hereafter to keep a separate and distinct account of the money received for dues and charters, for books sold, for receipts for the Covenant, and for the English mission.

The Grand Secretary has received since he made his report the sum of \$726 59, as follows, viz :

Grand Lodge of Maryland, quota,	-	-	-	\$40 00
Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, quota,	-	-	-	20 00
Grand Lodge of New York, quota,	-	-	-	40 00
Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, quota,	-	-	-	40 00
Grand Lodge of Ohio, quota,	-	-	-	40 00
Grand Lodge of New Jersey, quota,	-	-	-	20 00
Grand Lodge of Virginia, quota,	-	-	-	40 00
Grand Lodge of Indiana, quota,	-	-	-	20 00
Grand Lodge of Mississippi, quota,	-	-	-	20 00
Grand Lodge of Missouri, quota,	-	-	-	20 00
Grand Lodge of Connecticut, quota,	-	-	-	20 00
Wilkey Encampment, No. 3, of Virginia, dues,	-	-	-	19 07
Neilson Encampment, No. 2, of Virginia, dues,	-	-	-	43 63
Damascus Encampment, No. 9, of Virginia, dues,	-	-	-	12 50
Mt. Ararat Encampment, No. 3, of New Jersey, charter,	-	-	-	30 00
Grand Encampment of Maryland, quota,	-	-	-	20 00
Marley Encampment, No. 2, of District of Columbia, dues,	-	-	-	46 91
Trenton Encampment, No. 2, of New Jersey, dues,	-	-	-	29 00
Sassacas Encampment, No. 1, of Connecticut, dues,	-	-	-	59 15
Oriental Encampment, No. 2, of Connecticut, dues,	-	-	-	6 00
Grand Encampment of New York, quota,	-	-	-	20 00
Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, quota,	-	-	-	20 00
Degree Books,	-	-	-	32 00
Merrimack Lodge, No. 7, Massachusetts, dues,	-	-	-	15 70
do. do. do. do. quarter,	-	-	-	9 00
Degree Books,	-	-	-	4 00
Columbia Encampment, No. 1, of District of Columbia, dues,	-	-	-	13 63
do. Degree Books,	-	-	-	8 00
Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, Degree Books,	-	-	-	18 00

\$726 59

The committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions.
All which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES MCGOWAN,
ROBINSON S. HINMAN,
JACOB HULL, JR.

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Sire draw orders on the Treasurer for the sums reported as due the several persons named in the report of the Finance Committee.

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Sire draw an order on the Treasurer, in favor of R. W. Grand Secretary James L. Ridgely, for the sum of eight hundred dollars, for defraying his expenses on the late mission to England.

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Sire draw an order on the Treasurer, in favor of R. W. Grand Chaplain Williamson, for the sum of eight hundred dollars, for defraying his expenses on the late mission to England.

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be authorized to make sale of the uncurrent money in hand, to the best advantage.

Rep. McGowan, of New York, from the same committee, made the following report, which was accepted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee of Finance, to whom was referred a communication from the Grand Encampment of New York, with regard to the purchase of a lithographic item, respectfully report, that it is not expedient to purchase the same.

CHARLES MCGOWAN,
ROBINSON S. HINMAN,
JACOB HULL, JR.

On motion of Rep Thomas, of Ohio, the Grand Lodge proceeded to take up the amendment to the Constitution, proposed at the last session, to remove the existing constitutional qualifications that candidates for the office of Grand Sire should be P. G. Masters, and which was now lying on the table ; when the same was considered and rejected.

Rep. McGowan, of New York, from the committee on the "Covenant and Official Magazine," submitted the following report, which was read.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The committee to whom was referred the subject of the "Covenant and Official Magazine," have had the same under consideration, and most respectfully beg leave to report :

That from the statement of the Agent it appears that he has received and delivered to subscribers and sub-agents, 2073 copies of the Official Magazine, which at the subscription price, will amount to - \$5,182 50
From which there will have to be deducted for printing 3000

copies of 12 Nos.	\$2,448 00	
Interest on cash advanced,	35 92	
Printing prospectus, stereotypeing, &c.	5 50	
Postage, boxes, &c.	18 63	
Commission to Agent for the year,	1,295 63	
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Due the Grand Lodge by Agent,	1,378 82
From which deduct for appropriations to Editor of Magazine,	1,000 00

Leaving a surplus of	\$378 82
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Besides having on hand a sufficient number of copies of the first volume to supply brethren who may wish to have them bound.

From the above statement for the year, the committee have to congratulate the Grand Lodge, and the Order in general, on the success which has attended this attempt to disseminate the principles of the institution.

The committee are of opinion, that by an exertion on the part of the agents in the several states, the work will be a source of considerable revenue to this Grand Lodge, which from the present state of the finances is absolutely necessary, as the regular revenue of this body will not meet the current expenses.

By the appropriation made at the last session of this Grand Lodge to the Editorial department, for the purpose of retaining intellectual aid to the work, there has only been received about one hundred dollars, and, as it is considered necessary that matter furnished for the work should be

immediately settled ; that such appropriation should be made in quarterly payments, and that the sum remaining unpaid should be paid by the end of the current year.

The committee would also recommend that the Grand Corresponding Secretary notice in each number of the Official Magazine, the receipt of all letters, and where money is enclosed, the amount shall be stated, which shall be considered as a receipt for the same.

Your committee find the expenses of the Official Magazine for nine months, as furnished by the Agent, to be as follows, viz :

Cash paid printer,	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,075 50
Notes given by Agent,	-	-	-	-	-	-	511 37
Cash paid Editor,	-	-	-	-	-	-	100 00
Postage and boxes,	-	-	-	-	-	-	18 63
Interest on \$1,194 82 for six months,	-	-	-	-	-	-	35 82
Commission on \$508 25 at 25 per cent.	-	-	-	-	-	-	149 56
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							\$1,890 88
By cash received of Grand Treasurer,	-	-	-	-	-	\$384 00	
By cash from subscribers,	-	-	-	-	-	590 25	
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							974 25
							<hr/>
Balance due Agent,	-	-	-	-	-	-	916 63
Discount on uncurrent funds,	-	-	-	-	-	-	16 50
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							\$932 13

The committee find from the above statement that there is due the Agent, P. G. Sire Thomas Wildey, \$932 13, and whatever may accrue at the end of his term, January 1, 1843, the committee would recommend that he be given a certificate for the same, after being duly audited, to be paid by his successor, from time to time, as funds may come into his hands.

There is an extra charge in the printing bill of \$168, for furnishing a better article in paper, and that if it is allowed in the three remaining Nos. there will have to be added to the expense of the Official Magazine, for the year, the sum of \$231 above the contract made by the parties in the business. Although not properly a subject for your committee, yet it is deemed necessary that an expression should be made by this Grand Lodge.

CHARLES MCGOWAN,
WILLIAM S. STEWART,
ALBERT CASE.

Resolved, That the Agent be directed to pay the amount due the Editorial Department, as soon as the funds are to be spared for the purpose. Also, that \$1000, be appropriated for the Editor, for the ensuing year, and that the same be made in quarterly payments, if possible, by the Agent.

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding Secretary, Grand Treasurer, and Rep. Marley, be a committee to audit the accounts of the Agent, at the end of his term, and that they give a certificate of such amount as may be due him, which amount his successor will pay over as soon as the funds will permit.

Resolved, That the amount stated in the report as extra charge for paper be allowed.

On motion, the report was accepted.

The first and second resolutions were separately adopted.

The question recurring on the third resolution.

Sire Glazier moved that the subject be referred to Rep's McGowan, New York; Guild, of Massachusetts; and Tyler, of Kentucky, to inquire into, and adjust the claim, which was decided in the affirmative.

English, of Virginia, from the Committee on Returns, made the foregoing report, which was read and accepted.

R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The committee appointed to examine the returns and reports from Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, as also subordinate lodges and Encampments, ask leave to submit the subjoined report.

In inspection your committee find the following state Grand Lodges and Encampment reports made out in the form prescribed by the Grand Lodge of the United States, namely: The reports of the Grand Lodges of Connecticut, New Jersey, Virginia, Maryland, New York, Massachusetts, District of Columbia; from the Grand Encampments, the reports of New York, Maryland and Ohio.

The annexed report refers to subordinate lodges and Encampments, the reports of which we have ascertained to be in conformity with the law regulating reports, namely: Far West Lodge, Arkansas; Florida Lodge, Tallahassee, Florida; Iowa, No. 1, Iowa; Merrimack Lodge, No. 7, Massachusetts; Oglethorpe Lodge, No. 1, Georgia. The reports from the subordinate Encampments that follow, are correct: Marley Encampment, No. 2, District of Columbia; Neilson, No. 2, Virginia; Wheeling, No. 3, Virginia; Salem, No. 4, Virginia; Damascus, No. 9, Virginia; Salem, No. 10, Virginia; Oriental No. 2, Connecticut; Mt. Ararat, No. 3, New Jersey; Jeru-salem, No. 2, New Jersey; Sassacus, No. 1, Connecticut; Wilkes, No. 1, Louisiana; Columbia, No. 1, District of Columbia; Mt. Ararat, Alabama.

The committee will now proceed to call attention to the several reports from Grand Lodges and Encampments, which present on their face inaccuracies: First, the Grand Lodge of the state of Pennsylvania, is informal in its report, in that there is no mention made of rejections, admissions or withdrawals by card, re-instatements, and also in the proper heads. Indiana Grand Lodge report is deficient as above, with this addition, that there is no statement made of expulsions or deaths. Illinois state Grand Lodge report is wanting in the same matter as the above, in addition there is no report of P. G. Masters. Mississippi Grand Lodge report is out of order in its arrangement, although all the matter required by the laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States is taken notice of in said report.—The report of the Grand Lodge of the state of Louisiana, deficient as above. Delaware Grand Lodge report, informal in its arrangement. Grand Lodge of Kentucky makes no mention of the number of deaths and re-instatements. Grand Lodge of Ohio, irregular in the relief report, in that it only communicates the aggregate amount expended for said purpose, without being specific as to objects. Grand Lodge of South Carolina reports re-instatements mentioned. Alabama state Grand Lodge incorrect in its report, in that it does not use the proper seal. Missouri Grand Lodge, irregular in its arrangement.

The committee have not seen relief reports from either of the following state Grand Lodges: Pennsylvania, Indiana, Mississippi, Louisiana, Delaware and Illinois.

The reports from the subjoined named subordinate lodges and Encampments, are not in strict conformity with the forms adopted by the Grand Lodge of the United States: Mobile Lodge, No. 2, Alabama, incorrect in tabular arrangements. Weldon Lodge, No. 1, North Carolina, irregular as above stated. Galveston Lodge, No. 3, in the republic of Texas, wanting in arrangement. Alabama Lodge, No. 1, informal.

Encampments.—Palmetto Encampment, No. 1, South Carolina, irregular in the arrangement. Glazier Encampment, No. 7, Virginia, incorrect in form and detail. Lynchburg Encampment, No. 8, Virginia, wholly informal. Mt. Ararat, No. 1, Alabama, incorrect in its tabular arrangement. Wildey, No. 1, Mississippi, informal in its arrangement. Louisiana, No. 2, Louisiana, incorrect throughout. Wildey, No. 2, Indiana, is wanting in proper arrangement.

Your committee before taking leave of the matter which is suggested to them by having the foregoing reports under their consideration, would respectfully insist that the forms prescribed by the Grand Lodge of the United States should, in the future, be tenaciously adhered to.

Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM M. ENGLISH,
RICHARD MARLEY,
CHRISTIAN BUCHER.

Rep. McGowan, of New York, from the committee on the Official Magazine, made the following report, which was accepted and the resolution accompanying the same, unanimously adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee on the Official Magazine most respectfully ask leave to offer the following resolution for the consideration of the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That in the event of a deficiency of collections necessary to continue the publication of the Official Magazine, the Agent be authorized to effect a loan for the purpose of meeting the payments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES MCGOWAN,
WILLIAM S. STEWART,
ALBERT CASE.

On motion of P. G. Sire Glazier, and at the request of the Grand Sire, he was excused from appointing the select committee provided for in the resolution referring the Work of the Order for revision.

After prayer from the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Lodge adjourned *sine die*.

JAMES L. RIDGELY,

Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

Dr. *Grand Lodge of the United States in account with ANDREW E. WARNER, Grand Treasurer.* Cr.

1841.	Sept.	27,	To cash, N. Hickman, bill,	\$ 5 35	1841.	Sept.	24,	By balance on hand,	\$ 51 56
		28,	" returned to the G. Excmpt. of Ohio,	16 68			3,	By cash from G. Secretary Ridgely, to date,	359 26
	Oct.	13,	" T. Davis, bill,	26 50		Nov.	5,	By draft on Mobile,	321 60
			" Robert Nelson, for printing, -	300 00		1842.	March 24,	By cash from G. Secretary Ridgely, to date,	715 74
	Nov.	3,	" G. Sire John A. Kennedy, bill,	57 74		Sept.	14,	Ac'g Sec. R. Neilson, to date,	625 26
		19,	" G. Edwards, bill,	50 00		24,	"	G. Secretary Ridgely, to date,	817 97
1842.	Jan.	10,	" J. L. Ridgely, in part as G. Sec'y,	900 00					
	March	15,	" P. G. S. T. Wilder, in part on bill,	1 00 00					
		30,	" do do do	158 00					
	June	22,	" do do do	135 00					
	July	18,	" collecting three drafts -	1 50					
	Sept.	3,	" postage by order of G. Sec'y, to date,	88 23					
		5,	" collecting drafts, -	26 77					
		14,	" G. Chailson, bill, -	68 00					
		20,	" R. Neilson, printing, -	60 80					
		23,	" J. L. Ridgely, Grand Secretary, -	200 00					
		"	" P. G. S. T. Wilder, bill, -	10 00					
		"	" A. E. Warner, G. Treasurer, salary,	50 00					
		"	" H. R. Kneass, trav. exp. as D. G. S.	25 00					
		"	" S. Va Sickerell, bill, -	10 00					
		"	" J. E. Chamberlain, bill, -	18 50					
		24,	" I. P. Cook, stationery, -	28 19					
		"	" K. Neilson, printing, -	61 98					
		"	" J. L. Ridgely, bill, -	25 90					
		"	" G. J. Ireland, bill, -	17 00					
		"	" P. G. Sire John A. Kennedy, bill, -	80 10					
		"	" discount on uncurrent funds,	68 68					
		26,	" P. G. S. T. Wilder, bill, -	20 00					
		"	" J. L. Ridgely, Eng. mission in part,	315 00					
	27,	"	" I. D. Williamson, Eng. mls. in do.	300 00					
	"	"	" William Bayley, bill, -	15 00					
	"	"	" To balance on hand, uncurrent funds,	264 50					
	"	"	" To balance on hand, current funds,	128 67					
				2600 50					

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Annual Report of Grand and Subordinate Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., for the year ending September, 1842.

LODGES.	Where held.	States.	No. of Lodges.	Initiations.	Suspensions.	Expulsions.	Past Grands.	P. G. Masters.	Revenue of Subordi- nate Lodges.	Contributing Members.	No. of Brothers re- lieved.	No. of Widowed Pa- trons.	No. of Brothers bu- ried.	Amount paid for re- lief of Widowed Pa- trons.	Amount paid for re- lief of Orphans.	Amount paid for bu- rying the dead.	Total amount of re- lief.
Ch. of Maryland	Baltimore,	Md.	24	595	177	9	313	11	\$13,227 21	2,317	271	39	40	3,551 08	499 59	975 25	6,326 27
" Massachusetts	Boston,	Mass.	7	203	2	1	510	6	2,066 45	310	27	1	3	551 00	...	...	657 71
" New York	New York,	N. Y.	62	2,692	351	21	512	6	50,394 66	8,753	2139	96	53	20,956 69	63 00	2302 15	24,512 24
" Pennsylvania	Philadelphia,	Penn.	53	1,255	242	21	725	6	24,261 73	4,403	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" District of Columbia,	Washington,	D. C.	7	200	21	2	105	6	4,762 44	631	141	7	6	1,413 06	45 25	245 49	1,965 07
" Delaware,	Wilmington,	Del.	3	58	...	...	22	4	583 45	102	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Ohio,	Cincinnati,	Ohio.	10	302	...	...	191	7	7,173 44	1,311	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Louisiana,	New Orleans,	La.	2	6	59	1	...	...	1,178 92	92	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" New Jersey,	Trenton,	N. J.	10	368	13	2	47	5	3,591 36	749	17	...	...	407 10	60 00	159 00	433 00
" Kentucky,	Louisville,	Ky.	12	140	...	...	...	...	5,385 60	577	32	6	9	1,374 67	10 00	114 00	1,635 19
" Virginia,	Richmond,	Va.	20	453	118	17	164	6	7,311 55	1,551	83	6	8	1,163 36	163 75	367 50	2,455 61
" Indiana,	Madison,	Ind.	9	47	...	...	...	...	2,006 00	413	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Mississippi,	Natchez,	Ms.	6	85	42	6	...	4	3,537 90	394	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Missouri,	St. Louis,	Mo.	5	137	19	3	57	...	4,268 53	326	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Illinois,	Springfield,	Ill.	8	56	15	5	...	...	1,101 01	143	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Connecticut,	New Haven,	Conn.	6	423	7	1	26	1	6,425 20	756	66	3	2	1,127 42	...	60 00	1,242 42
" Tennessee,	Nashville,	Tenn.	4	107	1	1	17	1	2,653 45	200	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Texas,	Houston,	Texas,	3	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" South Carolina,	Charleston,	S. C.	3	597	2	16	23	1	9,523 46	721	24	1	2	460 00	...	66 00	686 00
" Alabama	Mobile,	Ala.	2	20	12	8	26	...	4,232 35	106	4	1	2	52 00	...	159 00	274 00
" Iowa,	Mineral Point,	W. T.	No. 1,	2	...	...	...	...	123 99	21	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Florida,	Little Rock,	Ark.	" 1,	27	13	4	...	...	945 25	69	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Wisconsin,	Jacksonville,	E. Flo.	" 1,	71	2	1	...	...	1,557 86	61	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Cape Fear,	Wilmington,	N. C.	" 2,	16	2	...	...	...	250 25	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Washington,	Marblehead,	"	" 3,	38	...	...	...	...	509 47	63	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Oglethorpe,	Savannah,	Ga.	" 1,	37	...	...	...	...	416 99	49	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			1265	7836	1097	198	2289	63	\$163,719 71	24,160	2834	160	107	\$30,506 28	\$3576 03	\$81 69	\$44,326 83

Suspensions and Expulsions from Lodges.

MARYLAND.

Suspensions.—No. 3, P. G. Michael Craft; No. 4, J. Meusner, J. H. Steibel, August Grete, Edward Englehard; No. 5, John Habbert; No. 9, Harman Shipley; No. 32, John S. Fortner. Improper conduct.

Expulsions.—No. 2, Jacob Farringer; No. 8, P. G. William G. Cook; No. 9, P. G. Mortimer J. Kelly; No. 20, Wesley W. Levy; No. 32, Peter Ardinger. Conduct unbecoming Odd Fellows.

NEW YORK.

Suspensions.—No. 14, Carl Kutzler; No. 16, A. Buergler, C. Messer, A. Sehary, T. Schmidt, H. Lerdemberger, C. Koch; No. 17, S. J. Chapman, John Masterson; No. 18, J. Townsend, William Kenney, William Kearney; No. 22, Seaman Weeks; No. 27, Charles G. Goury; No. 28, John Riley, F. Baker; No. 29, Samuel B. Comstock; No. 32, R. Reynolds; No. 34, William C. Armstrong; No. 35, J. Redding, Wm. H. Johnson; No. 39, Jonas Parker; No. 41, P. V. Watson; No. 44, T. B. Theiry, T. Lockwood; No. 50, Joseph Easterbrook. Improper conduct.

Expulsions.—No. 13, P. Feiffer, W. John; No. 14, Z. Muller, John Ulrich; No. 16, B. Lanth; No. 17, John Naylor, S. H. Miller; No. 20, Samuel Lupton; No. 21, M. H. French; No. 32, Albert Blair; No. 36, Israel E. Underhill; No. 38, N. Slosson; No. 42, John Sinclair, G. Hyatt, J. A. Frost; No. 46, Daniel B. Taylor; No. 47, Theodore J. Martin; No. 49, Edward Malone, Lucin Olmstead; No. 50, Alexander J. Brown. Conduct unbecoming Odd Fellows.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Suspensions.—No. 4, Nicholas Hopkins; No. 14, J. Thomas; No. 19, George Guyer; No. 20, James Jones; No. 50, John S. Oliver; No. 64, John Lewis; No. 65, John C. Jones, Joseph Angus. Improper conduct.

Expulsions.—No. 3, John Shaw; No. 5, John H. Warner; No. 7, Henry Keim; No. 20, Wm. Evans; No. 21, T. Ransble; No. 23, William L. Newcomb; No. 24, Daniel E. Baset, Samuel Lowry; No. 26, Benj. S. Roche; No. 29, B. B. Jenkins; No. 53, John B. Reed; No. 56, Wm. Leach; No. 61, Joseph Matthews; No. 62, Hugh Mason; No. 63, John Reynolds. Conduct unbecoming Odd Fellows.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA. Expulsion.—No. 9, Benjamin Willet. Conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow.

DELAWARE. Expulsion.—J. Richardson. Conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow.

OHIO. Expulsions.—No. 1, J. G. Brown; No. 3, A. W. Bentley; No. 4, J. H. Wright, W. Eaves, Jacob Young; No. 5, W. Reed; No. 7, H. F. Myers, Elias Nigh; No. 9, Francis Boyden, *alias* Francis Boyden French, G. H. Silvers, Heman Baldwin. Conduct unbecoming Odd Fellows. Also 68, names not mentioned, for non-payment of dues.

KENTUCKY. Expulsions.—3, names not given. Improper conduct.

VIRGINIA.

Suspensions.—4, names not given. Improper conduct.

Expulsions.—8, names not given. Conduct unbecoming Odd Fellows.

INDIANA. Suspensions.—2, names not given. Improper conduct.

MISSISSIPPI.

Suspension.—1, name not given. Improper conduct.

Expulsion.—1, name not given. Conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow.

MISSOURI. Expulsions.—2, names not given. Conduct unbecoming Odd Fellows.

ILLINOIS. Expulsions.—No. 6, J. Calhoun, C. Dunham, Joseph Markle, G. H. Holtzman, William Holtziman, Sam. C. Clark. Conduct unbecoming Odd Fellows.

CONNECTICUT—Expulsion.—Dandson Cheesman. Conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow.

TENNESSEE—Expulsion.—1, name not given. Conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow.

ALABAMA. Expulsions.—No. 2, P. G. Steph. B. North, P. G. Israel Sice, P. G. N. McGunnigle, Henry Moffit, Uzal Ogden, Samuel Hopkins, Charles W. Cranias, William Edmond. Conduct unbecoming Odd Fellows.

Annual Report of Grand and Subordinate Encampments to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., for the year ending September, 1842.

ENCAMPMENTS.	Where held.	States.	No. of Subor- dinates.	Initiations.	Suspensions.	Expulsions.	Revenue.	Contributing Members.	Remarks.
G. E. of Maryland,	Baltimore,	Md.	7	79	...	1	1469 30	269	
" New York,	New York,	N. Y.	9	304	1	1	4103 25	565	
" Ohio,	Cincinnati,	Ohio,	3	22	...	...	796 61	237	
" Kentucky,	Louisville,	Ky.	4	...	...	...	...	...	No Report.
" Pennsylvania,	Philadelphia,	Penn.	9	107	17	...	1148 62	247	
Columbia, No. 1,	Washington,	D. C.	2	45	...	...	511 81	92	
Marley, " 2,	Alexandria,			34	...	...	469 00	66	
Willey, " 1,	New Orleans,	La.	2	8	10	...	80 00	15	
Louisiana, " 2,	St. Francisville,			...	...	...	...	...	No Report.
Delaware, " 1,	Wilmington,	Del.	1	...	...	...	...	...
Trenton, " 2,	Trenton,	N. J.	2	31	2	...	290 04	47	
Mt. Ararat, " 3,	Newark,			16	...	...	153 37	23	
Abram's, " 1,	Wheeling,			...	...	...	...	...	No Report.
Neilson, " 2,	Richmond,			32	...	...	642 74	97	
Willey, " 3,	Portsmouth,			6	1	...	190 75	59	
Jerusalem, " 4,	Norfolk,			4	...	...	88 75	45	
Widows' Friend, " 5,	Winchester,	Va.	9	...	...	...	...	...	No Report.
Glazier, " 7,	Petersburg,			41	...	...	361 69	25	
Virginia, " 8,	Lynchburg,			12	...	...	210 82	32	
Damascus, " 9,	Smithfield,			15	...	...	125 00	17	
Salem, " 10,	Hampton,			15	...	...	190 67	13	
Mt. Ararat, " 1,	Mobile,	Ala.	1	4	6	...	64 75	24	
Willey, " 1,	Natchez,			...	...	...	...	...
Vicksburg, " 2,	Vicksburg,	Ms.	2	5	11	...	200 00	22	
Willey, " 1,	St. Louis,	Mo.	1	...	...	...	...	...	No Report.
Jerusalem, " 1,	New Albany,	Ind.	2	...	...	...	...	...
Willey, " 2,	Madison,			25	6	...	311 12	17	
Chosen Friend, " 1,	Alton,			...	...	...	...	...	No Report.
Lebanon, " 2,	Galena,	Ill.	3	...	...	...	...	...
Willey, " 1,	Springfield,			...	...	...	...	...
Sassacus, " 1,	Mineral Point,	W. T.	1	...	...	...	...	...
Oriental, " 2,	New Haven,	Conn.	2	53	...	...	591 00	52	
Palmetto, " 1,	E. Haddam,			7	...	...	60 00	13	
	Charleston,	S. C.	1	24	...	...	215 00	27	
			61	889	54	2	\$12,263 29	2097	

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION
OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES,

Held at the City of Baltimore, September, 1843.

MONDAY, September 18th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Lodge convened this day, at Odd Fellows' Hall, city of Baltimore, being the regular Annual Communication, when the following were present:

J. A. KENNEDY,	M. W. G. Sire.
N. R. KNEASS,	R. W. D. G. Sire.
ES. L. RIDGELY,	R. W. G. C. & R. Secretary.
REW. E. WARNER,	R. W. G. Treasurer.
C. D. WILLIAMSON,	W. G. Chaplain.
JOHN SMALL,	W. G. Marshal, p. t.
LIAM WARREN,	W. G. Guardian.
F. E. CHAMBERLAIN,	W. G. Messenger.

The Grand Secretary presented the certificates of the Representatives of several Grand Lodges and Encampments, and it appearing that a constitutional quorum was present, the D. Grand Sire was directed to examine the certificates.

The Grand Sire reported that the Representatives present were duly qualified; and then, by order of the Grand Sire, proclaimed the Grand Lodge duly opened for the transaction of business.

Resolved by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Sire announced the appointment of D. G. Sire Kneass, P. Glazier, and G. Treasurer Warner, a committee on credentials.

The Grand Secretary presented a protest from a number of the members of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, against the election of the Representatives of that state, which, on motion, was referred to the committee on cre-

D. G. Sire Kneass, from the committee on credentials, reported favorably upon the certificates of election of the following Representatives, which was accepted, viz:

GRAND LODGES.

P. G. M. RICHARD MARLEY,	}	Reps. of Maryland.
P. G. M. HENRY S. SANDERSON,		
P. G. Sec'y ALBERT GUILD,	}	Reps. of Massachusetts.
P. G. M. DANIEL HERSEY,		
P. D. D. G. M. A. HEYER BROWN,	}	Reps. of New York.
P. G. ABRAHAM D. WILSON,		
P. G. M. JOHN W. STOKES,	}	Reps. of Pennsylvania.
P. G. M. HORN R. KNEASS,		
P. G. M. WILLIAM W. MOORE,	}	Rep. of District of Columbia.
P. G. M. ROBERT B. McDONNELL,		
G. M. THOMAS SHERLOCK,	}	Rep. of Ohio.
P. G. M. SAMUEL LUCAS,		
P. G. M. SYLVESTER VANSICKELL,	}	Proxy Rep. of Louisiana.
P. G. Sec'y ABRAHAM R. HARRIS,		
P. G. A. K. MARSHALL,	}	Reps. of New Jersey.
P. G. M. WILLIAM G. WEBB,		
P. G. JOSEPH SEGAR,	}	Reps. of Kentucky.
P. G. A. B. COLEMAN,		
P. G. M. GEORGE I. DICKS,	}	Reps. of Indiana.
P. G. M. WILLIAM S. STEWART,		
P. G. JAMES EARNEST,	}	Rep. of Mississippi.
P. G. WILLIAM H. ELLIS,		
P. G. J. G. PALMER,	}	Rep. of Missouri.
P. G. M. TIMOTHY KEZER,		
P. G. S. A. HURLBUT,	}	Proxy Rep. of Illinois,
P. G. R. W. SEYMOUR,		
G. M. EZEKIEL SALOMON,	}	Reps. of Connecticut.
P. G. M. JOHN CAMPBELL,		
	}	Rep. of Tennessee.
	}	Reps. of South Carolina.
	}	Rep. of Alabama.
	}	Rep. of North Carolina.

GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

P. G. P. ROBERT NEILSON,	Rep. of Maryland.
P. C. P. SMITH SKINNER,	Rep. of Pennsylvania.
P. G. P. JOHN G. TREADWELL,	Rep. of New York.
P. C. P. TALL P. SHAFFNER,	Rep. of Kentucky.
P. C. P. GEORGE M. BAIN,	Rep. of Virginia.
P. G. P. ROBINSON S. HINMAN,	Rep. of Connecticut.
P. C. P. E. T. HILLYER,	Rep. of New Jersey.

D. G. Sire Kneass, from the committee on credentials, to whom was referred the protest from a number of the members of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, asked leave to be discharged from the further consideration of this subject, when, on motion, the committee was discharged, and the protest referred to the Committee on Returns.

Rep. Marley, of Maryland, presented an invitation from the Grand Lodge of Maryland, to the Grand Lodge of the United States, to unite with that body, in the ceremonies of dedication to take place this day in the city

of Baltimore, which being read, on motion of Rep. Salomon, of Alabama, the invitation was accepted.

P. G. Sire Glazier moved that the Grand Lodge proceed to the installation of Grand Officers at three o'clock, P. M. to-morrow, during the pendency of which,

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning, at nine o'clock.

TUESDAY, September 19th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment: Present, the Officers and a due representation.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The journal of proceedings of the last Annual Session was being read, when, on motion of Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, the further reading of the same was dispensed with.

The journal of proceedings of the session of yesterday was read and approved.

Rep. Hurlbut, of South Carolina, submitted the following, which was decided in the negative.

Resolved, That the journal of this Grand Lodge be printed from day to day, and laid upon the tables of the members.

Rep. Kneass, of Pennsylvania, moved that the Grand Lodge proceed at twelve o'clock this day to the installation of Grand Officers elect, which the Chair declared out of order, unless the Grand Lodge would first suspend the order of business.

Whereupon, Rep. Kneass, of Pennsylvania, moved to suspend the order of business to enable him to offer a resolution to proceed to the installation of Grand Officers, which was decided in the negative.

The Grand Sire announced the appointment of the following Standing Committees.

On the State of the Order.—Rep's Moore, of District of Columbia; Guild, of Massachusetts; and Marley, of Maryland.

On Petitions.—Rep's Hinman, of Connecticut; Sherlock, of Ohio; and Vn Sickell, of New Jersey.

On Finance.—Rep's Treadwell, of New York; Salomon, of Alabama; and Marshall, of Kentucky.

On Returns.—Rep's Hillyer, of New Jersey; Webb, of Virginia; and Seymour, of South Carolina.

On Correspondence.—Rep's Kneass, of Pennsylvania; Shaffner, of Kentucky; and Stewart, of Missouri.

On Official Magazine.—Rep's Hurlbut, of South Carolina; Moore, of District of Columbia; and Wilson, of New York.

On motion of Rep. Neilson, of Maryland, the Rule of Order requiring the Grand Sire and Grand Corresponding Secretary to report, was suspended.

Rep. Skinner, of Pennsylvania, moved that a Standing Committee on Appeals be appointed, which motion prevailed.

The Grand Sire announced the following Standing Committee:

On Appeals.—Rep's Skinner, of Pennsylvania; Lucas, of Louisiana; and Coleman, of Indiana.

The Grand Secretary presented an appeal from several Past Grands of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, against the decision of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, upon one of the laws of the Order in that state, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. Hinman, of Connecticut, presented an appeal from Middlesex Lodge, of that state, from a decision of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut; and Rep. Brown, of New York, presented the appeal of P. G. Craft, against the decision of the Grand Lodge of the state of New York; which were referred to the Committee on Appeals.

The Grand Secretary presented the official communications from state Grand Lodges, on the subject of the proxy system, which were referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Rep. Marshall, of Kentucky, presented the petition of several subordinate lodges of that state, praying the removal of the Seat of Government of the Order in that state, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Rep. Neilson, of Maryland, moved that all visiting brethren now in this city, of the R. P. D., without further qualification, may be admitted to witness the deliberations of this body, which was decided in the negative.

Rep. Stokes, of Pennsylvania, moved that a special committee be appointed to report all unfinished business of the last Annual Session, for the consideration of the Grand Lodge, which was determined in the affirmative.

The Chair appointed Rep's Stokes, of Pennsylvania; Ellis, of Connecticut; and Segar, of Virginia, the committee.

The Grand Secretary presented a letter from P. G. M. George M. Bain, D. Grand Sire elect, resigning his office, which on motion of Rep. Neilson, of Maryland, was accepted.

Rep. Marshall, of Kentucky, moved that the Grand Lodge proceed immediately to supply, by election, the vacancy in the office of D. Grand Sire.

Rep. Salomon, of Alabama, moved to amend by substituting ten o'clock to-morrow as the time of holding said election.

The question being taken upon the amendment, it was decided in the negative.

The question recurring on the motion of Rep. Marshall, of Kentucky, it was determined in the affirmative.

The Chair having announced that nominations for the office of D. Grand Sire were now in order, the following were accordingly made:

By Rep. Stokes, of Pennsylvania, P. G. M. William S. Stewart, of Missouri.

By Rep. Hillyer, of New Jersey, P. G. M. Albert Case, of South Carolina.

By Rep. Segar, of Virginia, P. G. M. DeGraff, of Virginia.

By Rep. Wilson, of New York, P. G. M. Daniel Hersey, of Massachusetts.

The Chair appointed Rep's Stokes, of Pennsylvania, and Neilson, of Maryland, tellers, who having received the ballots of the Representatives

and P. G. Sires, as they were severally called, reported that no candidate having a majority of votes, no choice had been made by the Grand Lodge, from among the candidates for the office of D. Grand Sire.

Whereupon, the Grand Lodge proceeded anew to the election.

The tellers having again received the ballots of the Representatives and P. G. Sires, as they were called, reported that P. G. M. William S. Stewart, had received a majority of all the votes polled, for the office of D. Grand Sire.

The Chair accordingly proclaimed P. G. M. WILLIAM S. STEWART, of Missouri, the duly elected D. Grand Sire elect, of the Grand Lodge of the United States, for the ensuing term.

Rep. Kezer, of Tennessee, submitted the following resolutions :

Resolved, As the sense of the Grand Lodge, that the first business in order after the organization of the Grand Lodge, shall be the installation of the newly elected officers.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge will meet in their Hall, this afternoon, at four o'clock, for the purpose of the installation of its Grand Officers, duly and constitutionally elected.

Rep. Treadwell, of New York, called for a division of the question.

The Chair having propounded the question upon the first resolution, it was decided in the negative.

The question being put upon the second resolution, it was decided in the affirmative.

Rep. Shaffner, of Kentucky, submitted the following additional Rule of Order.

"That after the present session of this Grand Lodge, the Grand Officers elect shall be installed on the second day of the session, at twelve o'clock."

On motion of Rep. Neilson, of Maryland, the words "at twelve o'clock," were stricken out, when the order, as thus amended, was adopted.

The Grand Secretary presented the petitions of Iowa Lodge, of Iowa, and Milwaukie Lodge, of Wisconsin, praying a remission of dues, which were referred to the Committee of Finance.

On motion of Rep. Stokes, of Pennsylvania, it was

Ordered, That the Grand Lodge will meet at nine o'clock in the morning, and half past three o'clock in the afternoon, daily, for the transaction of business.

On motion of Rep. Marshall, of Kentucky, the Grand Lodge adjourned until half past three o'clock, this afternoon.

TUESDAY, 3½ o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment : Present, the Officers and a due representation.

The Grand Sire presented the following, being his Annual Report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The stated assembling of the Grand Representatives of the Order, brings with it the necessity for the Grand Sire to make a report, in conformity with the requirements of the Constitution. The peculiar fitness of such an occasion for offering, one to the other, gratulations on our continued

and increasing success, also, admonishes of that higher duty, which requires of those who feel a lively and grateful sense of obligation to make audible expression to the author of all good, who has, during the whole of our existence, in a land, and under a government of singular adaptation to the frame and objects of our institution, and especially during the year which has just past, vouchsafed to us a cherishing support. "Strength, harmony, and brotherly love" continue to be the characteristics of our progress. Nearly all parts of the jurisdiction give forth, by an unity of expression, their exultation on the prosperity which has resulted from our labors. And at the present session we are enabled to ascertain the highly gratifying fact, that but two states, of the entire extent of our wide domain, now remain, in which Odd Fellowship has not been successfully established: and in each of these we have satisfactory evidence that progress is making, which will, within a few months, include them also in our social compact; when will be presented the pleasing spectacle of every portion of a great nation having united in rendering a benefaction to humanity, unsurpassed by any former moral effort.

Although every thing within offers such flattering evidence of present prosperity, and holds up so high our future hopes, the large fund of gratification we enjoy, is in no small degree diminished by the absence of advance having been made toward an amicable settlement of our foreign relations. Very soon after the adjournment of the last session, notification was made, to the Board at Manchester, of the proceedings had by the Grand Lodge in the premises. No official acknowledgment has been received, that the communication reached its destination, or of what nature were the acts of the A. M. C., at Bradford, in June last: but sufficient has come to hand, of an un-official, though eminently authentic form, to satisfy us that all previous aggressive mandates against the universality of Odd Fellowship, had been reiterated, and more active efforts had been directed to be made. Already, we have the proof of their being engaged in collecting, for obvious use, the names of all members who have emigrated within a few years to the United States, and we may with reason expect a hostile demonstration upon the heretofore conceded limits of our jurisdiction, at a very early day.

Meanwhile, during the recess, much anxious inquiry has continued to be made relative to the establishment of the Order under the ancient work, throughout the various parts of Europe. The brethren in England are impatient for action, and stand ready to forward applications for lodges, from various parts, immediately, on the contingency arising, under which charters are to be granted, viz: when "the authority of the Manchester Unity of Great Britain persist in carrying into effect the powers conferred on them, by the Annual Moveable Committee, at the Isle of Man, in 1841, and reiterated at the Wigan Annual Moveable Committee, of 1842, *to establish lodges within the United States.*" In the absence of an overt act on the part of the authorities adverted to, the Grand Officers have felt themselves restrained from counselling the brethren, or holding out to them any encouragement, not justified by the letter of the resolution of last session. Otherwise, applications would be presented in due form with this report. Not only is it in England, but in other parts of Europe, that the brethren are fully alive to the importance of a permanent and universal

work. Among the communications herewith presented, are those on the subject of establishing the Order in Germany, which merits special attention;—these communications do not emanate from persons ignorant of our institution, but from brethren who have had ample experience, both in our work and mode of business, by connexion with German lodges in Baltimore, New York and Philadelphia, to render them capable of judging of the adaptation of the Order to their native country. The devotion and zeal of these brethren is fully evinced, by their willingness to incur the expense of time and money in visiting the United States, should that course be deemed necessary to the successful establishment of the Order, according to the principles and practice which distinguish it in this country.

It is not only in England and Germany that we may expect to be enabled to give immediate spread to Universal Odd Fellowship, but in other remote countries the fields are ripe for the harvest, and it is only necessary that we should enter in to possess them. The period has nearly arrived, if indeed it is not already at hand, when (let the ultimate action of the A. M. C. be what it may) it will be our work, as it will be our pleasure, to plant Odd Fellowship throughout the earth. So well disseminated has the Order become among all classes of the people of this country, that wherever they go, Odd Fellowship goes with them, and the acknowledged intelligence of American travellers will afford them a preponderating influence co-extensive with our commerce. Let us then make wise provision for the future, nor wait until the present shall overtake it, and render more difficult that which even now is not without its perplexities.

The imperious assumption of power on the part of the Manchester dynasty, to which the dignity of manhood and a just sense of the true principles of the fraternity, would not suffer us to succumb, should operate in season on ourselves by awaking within us a determination to build Universal Odd Fellowship on a foundation from which it cannot be removed, and where its yield will be perennial. To accomplish so desirable an end, it is merely necessary that the maxim should influence our every act which teaches, whatever would be wrong in us to submit to, would as clearly be improper for us to assert on our own behalf toward others. Would it not then be adding to the already high reputation of the Grand Lodge of the United States, to make provision in time for the independence of the Order in foreign countries, so soon as a Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment are established in any civil division; and for the holding of an Universal Convocation, periodically, represented on a basis of numerical strength of membership. Let such general convocation have exclusive and entire power over the work of the Order, so as to inhibit all infringement or change without the approbation or knowledge of the entire fraternity; bestow upon it complete jurisdiction in all matters partaking of the character of intercommunication, and let its sessions be sufficiently remote to ensure permanency in both work and regulation. By such fundamental provision we should establish on enduring principles an Universal Order, and secure for ourselves the respect of the world by the evidence of our sincerity while making a demand on the authorities of the Manchester Unity.

The first advance toward an external spread of the Order occurred at the session of 1838, when Lone Star Lodge, No. 1, was authorized to be

established at Houston, in the republic of Texas; since which time, excepting the institution of two other lodges and the Grand Lodge in Texas, no movement has been made on the part of the Grand Lodge of the United States for similar extension. Brethren who are resident in various other foreign places, have evinced much solicitude to have the advantages of the Order extended to them. Among whom may be enumerated those of the several republics of the South, and the neighboring colonies on the North, who have from time to time exhibited much eagerness on the subject; but from a desire not to embarrass the pending negotiations with our former contemporary, their solicitations had not been received with decided approbation. The position in which affairs stood at the close of last session, however, warranted the Grand Sire in holding out to such brothers every proper encouragement. It has already resulted in the opening of one lodge at Montreal, in the province of Canada, as hereinafter more circumstantially reported, and the assurance that within a very short time, the number will be swelled by several other applications from the same and adjoining provinces. The astonishing success attendant on the first colonial effort is evidence of the discrimination of its inhabitants, and conclusive proof of the abiding prosperity which awaits its progress among them.

It has ever been a source of unalloyed satisfaction to contemplate the progressive advancement of the Order in our own land; tracing it from its small beginnings until as at present it is spread over twenty-four of the twenty-six states of the Union, two territories, and one separate district. Every city and considerable town in its range have their lodges, and the Patriarchal tent is nearly co-extensively set up. Our system of government has been proven by twenty years' experience, to be just such as is suited to ensure our internal prosperity. Grand Lodges are in successful operation, supervising the subordinates within their several limits of jurisdiction, in the states of Maryland, Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Louisiana, Ohio, New Jersey, Kentucky, Virginia, Indiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Illinois, Connecticut, Tennessee, South Carolina, Alabama, North Carolina, and in the District of Columbia, and the republic of Texas; and subordinate lodges are permanently established in Rhode Island, Wisconsin, Arkansas, Georgia, Florida, Maine, New Hampshire, and the province of Canada. Grand Encampments are also employed in the charge of Encampments, in the several states of Pennsylvania, Maryland, New York, Ohio, Kentucky, Virginia, Connecticut, New Jersey, and South Carolina; while subordinate Encampments have their tents pitched in the District of Columbia, and in Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Wisconsin, North Carolina, Tennessee, Massachusetts, and Georgia. The subordinates alluded to are at present under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States; but in several districts rapid preparations are in progress for the organization of Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, and very few have not attained a highly flourishing condition. Among the number of subordinates here alluded to, those in Canada, Maine, and New Hampshire are on newly acquired territory for lodges, while Rhode Island is a revival from a dormancy of some twelve years standing. The new ground taken by Encampments is in North Carolina, Tennessee, Massachusetts, and Georgia.

It might be deemed neglect to pass over the rapid and healthy success which has attended the Order in Massachusetts, where, after it had slept the sound sleep of death for upward of ten years, it suddenly awoke invigorated by its long repose; and in the short space of two years, has increased from two weakly lodges, and a handful of distrusting, though indomitable veterans, to a Grand Lodge with fourteen lodges, nineteen hundred members and five Encampments. Within the same period, the prosperity of the Order in New Jersey has also been astonishingly great; from two infirm lodges, only, one of them more so than the other, has grown up a body of eighteen lodges, and upward of fourteen hundred members. The success and condition of the Order in South Carolina is equally deserving of special notice, where, in little more than the same space of time, it has grown from the seed, and become a Grand Lodge, with eight lodges and twelve hundred members, and a Grand Encampment with three Encampments. The prosperity attendant upon the efforts of the brethren in North Carolina and Georgia is also deserving of regard.

Among the small portions of the Order indicating debility at last session, Louisiana was specially designated. It is gratifying to be enabled to announce, that the policy of moderation recommended by the Grand Lodge, has infused activity and a generous degree of improvement: one dormant lodge has been revived, and the prospect of a speedy return of former prosperity is apparent. Let the brethren continue a wise and conciliatory course, and all unreasonable hostility will, as it has done heretofore, consume itself. The only portion of the jurisdiction which seems to need special succor, is that located in the remote regions of the West. You are respectfully referred to the report of D. D. Grand Sire Potts for details.

Similar reasons to those laid before the Order last year have prevented the formal presentation of the Grand Charter ordered for the Grand Lodge of Texas; but, as will be seen on reference to a communication from D. D. Grand Sire De Cordova, there is abundant ground for hope that all cause of further delay is removed. Quiet and good order having once more been restored to our sister republic, and its citizens again permitted to apply themselves to peaceful occupations, we may with reason expect an immediate realization of our most sanguine wishes in regard to the prosperity of the Order in that interesting and chivalric nation.

Since the rising of the Grand Lodge, the Grand and subordinate warrants granted during last session have been promptly delivered, and returns made to the proper office, as set forth in the detail of this report. The promptitude with which these duties have been performed, reflect the highest credit on the several brothers to whom they have been intrusted, and is deserving the special notice of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Charter granted at last session for opening and constituting the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, was issued on the 8th November, 1842, and the duty intrusted to D. D. Grand Sire George M. Bain, by whose return it will be found that the Grand Lodge was instituted, and the warrant delivered by him at the city of Wilmington, North Carolina, on January 6th, 1843. In this state, the Order has grown with the rapidity usual in other parts of the jurisdiction during the time it has been in progress. The first lodge was established there under a dispensation dated 22d March, 1841, and the grant was made for a Grand Lodge within

eighteen months from that time. Previous to the opening of the Grand Lodge, the worthy and efficient D. D. Grand Sire had performed the additional duty of presenting the warrants granted at your last session to Cape Fear Lodge, No. 2, at Wilmington, and Washington Lodge, No. 3, at Murfreesborough, and received from them the dispensations under which they had theretofore worked, which were duly returned for file to the office of the Grand Corresponding Secretary, in October, 1842.

At the last session, the dispensation issued by the Grand Sire for the removal of Florida Lodge, No. 1, of Florida, from Black Creek, to the town of Jacksonville, East Florida, was confirmed; and immediately after the adjournment, the necessary warrant was issued and intrusted to D. D. Grand Sire Albert Case, within the limits of whose charge the lodge is located, for delivery; which duty was performed by P. G. Lawrence Ryan, under special dispensation from the D. D. Grand Sire, on November 15th, 1842, and the dispensation and former warrant reached the office of the Grand Corresponding Secretary on August 8th, 1843.

The warrant granted in lieu of the dispensation issued by the Grand Officers to Oglethorpe Lodge, No. 1, of the state of Georgia, was forwarded to D. D. Grand Sire Case for delivery, and by him intrusted to P. G. Alvan N. Miller, who performed the duty of delivering the same, on the 6th day of December, 1842. The dispensation was returned and filed August 8th, 1843, in the office of the Grand Corresponding Secretary.

The conditions contained in the grant of a charter for a lodge at Burlington, in the territory of Iowa, to Richard Mansley and four others, not having been complied with, no further steps have been taken toward the establishment of a lodge there.

Pursuant to the resolution of last session, granting a Grand Charter for the Grand Encampment of Virginia, the necessary issue was made at an early day after the adjournment, and the deputation for opening intrusted to our indefatigable D. D. Grand Sire, who had heretofore had the subordinate Encampments in the state of Virginia, in charge; by the reports herewith submitted, including that of the convention, the Encampments to whom the matter was referred, selected as the location, the town of Portsmouth, in the county of Norfolk, and that the Grand Encampment was in due and formal manner opened and constituted there, on the 15th day of November, 1842. The D. D. Grand Sire had previously, in the month of October, delivered to Damascus Encampment, No. 9, and Salem Encampment, No. 10, the charters granted, and returned to the office of the Grand Corresponding Secretary, for file, the dispensations formerly issued.

The charter ordered for Palmetto Encampment, No. 1, of South Carolina, was forwarded by D. D. Grand Sire Case, and by him delivered to the Encampment, in October, 1842. The dispensation of this Encampment has been returned and is now on file.

The warrant for Lebanon Encampment, No. 3, of Illinois, was intrusted for delivery to D. D. Grand Sire William S. Stewart, whose charge was extended to the 40th degree of North Latitude, in that state, and by whom it was presented to the Encampment, at Springfield, on the 29th of August, 1843.

And the one by the same vote ordered for Mt. Ararat Encampment, No. 3, of New Jersey, was delivered by the Grand Sire to that Encampment,

at a session held at Newark on December 14th, 1843. The dispensation having been delivered up, is now on file.

On the return of the Grand Sire from the session of your predecessors, he was met at Trenton, New Jersey, by the petitioners to whom the Grand Lodge had granted a charter for "Olive Branch Encampment, No. 4," when on the 26th of September, 1842, he had the gratification to open and duly constitute the Encampment and present the charter. The Grand Sire is happy to be enabled to assure the Grand Lodge that his fears, expressed at last session, have not been realized, that a second Encampment could not be successfully sustained by so small a body of members, as the fraternity have in this neighborhood; on the contrary, the highest degree of prosperity is apparent, not only in the vicinity of Trenton, but throughout the state, as will be seen by reference to the reports presented from this fertile field of Odd Fellowship, which last year was entitled to no more than one vote in your body, but is represented here now by three.

The number of dispensations which have been issued by the Grand Officers in the recess just closed, is uncommonly large, if not the greatest that has been so issued in the same space of time. Embracing three for Grand Encampments, thirteen for subordinate Encampments, and twelve for subordinate lodges, and leaving several applications entirely at the disposal of the Grand Lodge, one of which, for a Grand Lodge for the state of Georgia, is deficient in the unanimity desirable in such cases: and another for an Encampment at Macon, in the same state, but recently received, is met by an opposition on what may appear a sufficient ground to require a modification of the grant. Others are in progress, a portion of which may be presented before the close of your session. First, of Subordinate Lodges.

On the 25th day of December, 1842, a dispensation was issued, on the application of brother Guy L. Warren, and six others, who were highly recommended by D. D. Grand Sire Case, for "Franklin Lodge, No. 2," to be located at the city of Macon, Bibb county, Georgia, and was instituted by the above named efficient officer, on the 27th of January, 1843, under more flattering promise than any lodge that has ever been opened under this jurisdiction. Your attention is especially invited to the return of the Worthy District Deputy, which is herewith submitted.

Upon the application of brother James S. Baker and five others, and under the recommendation of a number of worthy Past Grands residing in Buffalo, in the state of New York, a dispensation was issued on the 16th day of January, 1843, for "Milwaukie Lodge, No. 2," to be located at Milwaukie, in the territory of Wisconsin. The location of the lodge being within the limits intrusted to the care of D. D. Grand Sire John G. Potts, the dispensation was forwarded to that officer for delivery, which duty was promptly performed on 14th March, 1843. The report of this distinguished brother exhibits his great devotion to the Order, in undertaking the task of instituting this lodge, located at such a distance from his residence as to require eleven days to perform the journey, through an unbroken country, in an open sleigh, during a winter of extraordinary severity.

A petition from brother Elisha Parsons and five others, for a lodge to be located at Savannah, Georgia, and to be styled "Live Oak Lodge, No. 3,"

was issued on January 16th, 1843, and forwarded to D. D. Grand Sire Case; his return, which is herewith submitted, shows that with his accustomed promptitude he proceeded to the location, and opened and constituted the lodge, on the first day of February.

Application was received from brother John S. Shekle and seven others, recommended by Florida Lodge, No. 1, for a lodge to be located at St. Augustine, East Florida, and on the 2d of February, 1843, dispensation was issued accordingly, and forwarded to D. D. Grand Sire Case; previous to presenting which, however, owing to a want of harmony among the petitioners, the acceptance of the dispensation was declined, and it was returned to the office of the Grand Corresponding Secretary. On the 16th day of March, another petition was received from brother John S. Shekle and four others, recommended in like manner by Florida Lodge, No. 1, for "Kennedy Lodge, No. 2," to be located at Black Creek, East Florida, and dispensation issued the same day, which was forwarded to D. D. Grand Sire Case, and on the 24th of May, the Lodge was duly opened and constituted by P. G. Lawrence Ryan, under special commission from D. D. Grand Sire Case, as by return is shown.

A dispensation was authorized, dated April 21st, 1843, on the application of brother John Hully and five others, for a lodge to be located at the city of Providence, in the state of Rhode Island, to be entitled "Eagle Lodge." Although no lodge was in operation in that state at the time, yet two lodges having formerly been in being there, that had suspended their functions for a season, this application was registered as No. 3. D. D. Grand Sire Daniel Hersey, within the limits of whose charge the location lies, performed the office of opening and instituting "Eagle Lodge, No. 3," on the 29th of April, 1843. The return of this veteran brother in the cause of Odd Fellowship is herewith presented.

The Grand Lodge of the United States, at the session of 1841, granted a restoration of the charter of "Friendly Union Lodge, No. 1," of Rhode Island, (which had been surrendered,) to P. G. James Wood and others, formerly members of the said lodge. The unsettled state of the public mind in that locality, and the great desire of the petitioning brothers to re-organize their lodge in such manner as to insure a successful career, delayed their active efforts until the 19th of June last, when a meeting of P. G. Wood and his associates took place during a brief visit of the Grand Sire, which resulted in a formal application from five of the former members for re-opening and constituting their lodge. The warrant of this lodge having become much defaced, on the 21st June, special dispensation, drawn in form to meet the case, was issued, and forwarded to D. D. Grand Sire Hersey, who, on the 19th of August, 1843, performed the duty of re-instituting this once flourishing lodge, as will be seen by his return accompanying this report. The brethren who undertake the revival of these dormant bodies are entitled to the special regard of the fraternity. Nothing can be more detrimental to the reputation of the institution, than such glaring hiatus in the roll of our community. Wherever it can be done, without violating the principles of re-constituting, except in the cases of expulsions or suspensions for offence committed, care should be used for reviving dormant lodges, in preference to granting new charters. The form of the dispensation issued in this case is herewith submitted.

Dispensation was issued upon the petition of brother Frederick H. Sanford and four others, who were recommended, on July 1st, 1843, for "— Lodge, No. 4," to be located at the city of Milledgeville, Georgia. D. D. Grand Sire Case, to whom the dispensation was forwarded, by authority, specially deputized P. G. M. John H. Honour, of South Carolina, to perform the duty of opening and constituting, who proceeded to the location of the lodge, and on the 20th of July, 1843, faithfully discharged the trust. The return of D. D. Grand Sire Case is herewith presented. The name selected for this lodge by the petitioners has not been approved by the Grand Officers, and the Grand Sire submits to the Grand Lodge the propriety of substituting a more appropriate one.

On the 26th day of May last, a petition was received from P. G. George Mathews and four other brothers, accompanied by cards from lodges under this jurisdiction, praying for a charter for a lodge to be located at the city of Montreal, in Canada, and to be hailed by the style and title of "Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1," of the Province of Canada. Three of the petitioners were personally known to the Grand Sire as worthy brothers, ardent in the cause of the Order, and eminently qualified for performing the duties devolving on pioneers. The capacity and fitness of the remaining two were strongly attested by well known brothers, and no doubt existed of the entire adaptation of the whole number for the distinction they claimed. By the terms of Article I, of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States, as adopted in 1833, and remaining unchanged at the present time, it is expressly and unequivocally provided, that "this Grand Lodge has inherent power to establish lodges in foreign countries, where no Grand Lodge exists. Such lodges shall work by virtue of a warrant granted by this Grand Lodge." No doubt can remain as to the assumed powers of the Grand Lodge under a constitutional provision adopted anterior to any difficulties arising between the two great branches of the Order. Not a single impediment or qualification is added as necessary to be attended to in granting a charter for a foreign country, more than is provided for, on application for one within the limits of the United States, to wit: That a lodge cannot be established by the Grand Lodge of the United States in a place where a Grand Lodge power exists unreclaimed. This prohibition is applicable as well within as without, and every other requisite is as necessary for application from without as from within.

The petition for the lodge at Montreal was therefore deemed a constitutional application, and as such was considered. Article XIII, of the By-Laws, confers on the Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire, and Grand Recording Secretary, the power of granting dispensations to Grand and subordinate Lodges and Encampments, during the recess, subject to the approbation of the Grand Lodge. In cases of every-day occurrence, it has not been usual for delays to be made, in order to obtain the formal sanction of each of the three officers here named, two being competent for such act, it has ordinarily been performed by those whose signatures are necessary for the documents. But in a case so uncommon as this application, and involving, as it does, such various and important considerations, it was formally submitted by the Grand Sire to his colleagues on the commission. Each of whom returned an opinion adverse to an immediate issue of dispensation, under an apparent impression that the resolution of

last session applied in some sort to the case in hand. On more mature reflection, one of the Grand Officers coincided with the Grand Sire, in his view, that the resolution adverted to, had entire relation, as it expresses itself, to the grant of "dispensations on proper applications coming from Europe," and that action on applications from foreign countries out of Europe was not prohibited, even could a naked resolution prohibit that which is provided for being done by constitutional provision. The delay produced in settling these preliminaries was extremely vexatious to the petitioners, who having been counselled to make preparations for working a lodge, had not hesitated to incur heavy expense in fitting up apartments in a style equal to those ordinarily in use in this country. Under the considerations of the heavy expenses and liabilities of the petitioners, the undoubted authority assumed by the Constitution, and the powers conferred on the Grand Officers, by the By-Laws, a dispensation was issued on the 29th of July, 1843, as prayed for, and intrusted to P. D. D. Grand Master Alfred Moore, of Rensselaer, in the state of New York, who repaired to the city of Montreal, opened and constituted the lodge on the 10th day of August. By the return of brother Moore, which accompanies this report, it will be seen that the location where this lodge is established was ripe for an Order which carries with it the characteristics of universality. No less than eighteen persons of good standing in the community, were initiated within the first week of its opening, and every prospect of continued success presented itself.

The Grand Sire does not hesitate to congratulate the Representatives and the Order at large on the result of this step, toward covering the whole earth with an Odd Fellowship, efficient in its benevolence, pure in its morals, unexceptionable in its practices, and universal in its language.

On petition of brother David Robinson, Jr., and four others, recommended by brothers in Boston, for a lodge, to be entitled "Maine Lodge, No. 1," to be located at the city of Portland, in the state of Maine, dispensation was issued on the 9th day of August, 1843. The deputation for opening was intrusted to D. D. Grand Sire Hersey, by whose return, which is herewith presented, it will be seen that the lodge was opened and instituted on the 25th of the same month. The report of this officer affirms that in his experience, which all will readily admit has been extensive, he has never installed a lodge where the prospects were more favorable—thirty-five of the most respectable citizens were initiated within the first week, and the community manifested every feeling in its favor.

Dispensation was issued on the 18th August, 1843, on the petition of brother Orvell Huntriss and four others, who came recommended from Boston, for "Saco Lodge, No. 2," to be located at the village of Saco, Maine. The deputation for opening this lodge was conferred upon P. D. G. M. George W. Churchill, who resides in that locality, and by his report, which is herewith submitted, it will be seen that he performed the duty on the 29th of the same month; and that application for another lodge in that state will speedily be presented.

On petition of brother W. A. Robertson and four others, properly recommended, dispensation was issued for "United Brothers Lodge, No. 5," to be located at Macon, Georgia, on the 11th September, instant, and the de-

putation forwarded to D. D. Grand Sire Case. Sufficient time has not yet transpired for the opening to have taken place.

On the 13th day of August, 1843, application was received from David Philbrick and four other brothers, with cards, and also under high recommendation by the indefatigable Boston brethren, for "Granite Lodge, No. 1," to be located at Nashua, Hillsborough county, New Hampshire; dispensation was issued same day, and forwarded to D. D. Grand Sire Hersey, with a deputation for him to open the lodge, which duty he performed on the 11th of the present month, as shown in his return herewith submitted. Second, of Subordinate Encampments.

On the 25th of October, 1842, a deputation was issued to Patriarch C. F. Haberlie, whose standing and capacity was strongly attested by well known officers and brothers in Kentucky, where he had long been a member, authorizing him to confer the Patriarchal degrees on brother James M. Scantlan and eight others, of the scarlet degree, residing at Nashville, Tennessee; being the same individuals whose application for a charter for an Encampment, at last session, was denied, not being in conformity with Article II, of the By-Laws, with the addition of two others whom the Grand Sire was anxious to unite with the earliest movement for the establishment of the Patriarchal Order in that state, but who declined a compliance with his wishes. This deputation was issued under express authority given to the Grand Sire, by the resolution of last session, as recorded on page 458 printed proceedings; a copy of the form prepared to be used in such cases, is herewith presented. When the applicants for the degrees were before the Grand Lodge on a former occasion, their personal reputation or fitness was then deemed undoubted, and their petition was not acceded to, simply because of its incompleteness. Abundant testimony was in the hands of the Grand Officers, of their good standing in the subordinate branch of the Order, both by the certificates of their respective lodges, and by the numerous communications from the Grand Officers adverse to their application, but which testified to their perfect membership. The objections raised to them were that they had not been specially selected and recommended by the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, or any of its subordinates, for the purpose of introducing the Patriarchal Order into that state. To have acceded, in any degree, to this objection, would have involved the Grand Officers as parties in an attempt to reduce the independence and supreme authority of the Grand Lodge of the United States, by requiring qualifications for petitioners alike unknown to its laws and the usages of their predecessors, and subjecting the spread of the Order to the action of a branch of it, which in the nature of things is wholly disqualified to exercise such superintendence. The respected brethren of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee have entered into a discussion of the questions connected with this exciting matter with much feeling and sincerity; and laid claim eventually, for their Grand Lodge, to the entire jurisdiction within the limits of the state, of all things in Odd Fellowship, without limitation. In the course of their earnest effort, citation was made from the instrument of their authority, as follows: "that said trusty and well beloved brethren, and their successors duly and legally elected, have full power and authority to hear and determine all and singular matters and things relating to the Order *within the jurisdiction of said Grand*

Lodge, according to the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge of the United States." The ardor of zeal sometimes prevents its votaries from perceiving those things which are not concealed from other persons, and in this controversy our admiration has been excited, that brethren of the most brilliant talent and undoubted ability have suffered themselves to read but a portion of the very extract they were making from the dispensation which contained their entire authority. The rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge of the United States have constructed the subordinate and Patriarchal branches of the Order distinct and independent of each other. The whole correspondence had, is herewith submitted. At the time of issuing the deputation, the only question which was deemed necessary for consideration, in addition to the moral and legal fitness of the applicants, was that involved in the resolution of 1842, and it being well known to the Grand Officers that no regular constituted Encampment had been established there, no hesitation was made when the proper application was received, to appoint a special Deputy for the occasion. The degrees were accordingly conferred on the applying brothers on the 8th day of November, and the Encampment opened and constituted at the city of Nashville as "Ridgely Encampment No. 1," on the 20th of December, 1842, by Patriarch Haberlie, whose return of the performance of duty is herewith presented.

On the application of John Mockar, Jr., and six other scarlet degree brothers, praying to have the Patriarchal degrees conferred on them, to enable them to apply for a charter for an Encampment, to be located at the town of Wilmington, North Carolina, on the 8th November, 1842, deputation was issued, authorizing D. D. Grand Sire Bain to perform that duty. Dispensation was issued bearing same date, for the formation of the Encampment, and on January 5th, 1843, the brethren were instructed, and "Campbell Encampment, No. 1," was duly opened and constituted by the efficient Deputy to whom the duty was intrusted. His return is herewith submitted.

Application was received from brother John McKenzie and sixteen others, of the scarlet degree, praying to receive Patriarchal degrees, ~~so as~~ to enable them to apply for a charter for an Encampment, to be located at the city of Columbia, South Carolina. A deputation was issued to D. D. Grand Sire Case, authorizing him to confer the requisite degrees, on the 12th November, 1842, together with dispensation for the Encampment. The brothers having been instructed, application was made for a charter for "Eutaw Encampment, No. 2," by them, in conjunction with patriarch E. W. Marshall, who presented a card from Palmetto Encampment, No. 1, of South Carolina. The Encampment was then opened and constituted, December 8th, 1842. The return of the D. D. Grand Sire is submitted.

On the petition of Daniel Hersey and six other patriarchs, (nearly all of whom were personally known to the Grand Sire,) for a charter for "Massasoit Encampment, No. 1," to be located at Boston, Massachusetts. Dispensation was issued on the 28th January, 1843, and the deputation for opening was intrusted to P. G. P. Wilson Small, of New York, and P. C. P. William E. Sanford, of Connecticut, who proceeded to Boston, and performed the duties of the trust reposed in them, on the 11th day of February, 1843. The return of these brothers accompanies this report.

Upon March 20th, 1843, a petition was received from patriarch Joseph Clowes, and six others, for an Encampment, to be located at Jersey City, in the state of New Jersey, under the title of "Mt. Sinai Encampment, No. 5." On the same day dispensation was issued, the petitioners being brothers well known for their efficiency and capacity; and the Encampment was duly opened and constituted by D. D. Grand Sire Sylvester Vn Sickell, on the 22d March, 1843. The return is herewith submitted.

On the 22d day of April, 1843, dispensation was issued, authorizing the formation of "Trimount Encampment, No. 2," to be located at Boston, Massachusetts, upon the petition of patriarch Edward Tyler and six others, with cards from, and highly recommended by Massasoit Encampment, No. 1. A portion of the petitioners for this Encampment were of a body of scarlet degree members, who applied in form within two days after the receipt of the application for Massasoit Encampment, to be instructed, so as to enable them to petition for an Encampment, and which application the Grand Sire felt himself obliged to decline, as violating the spirit of the resolution under authority of which instructions are imparted for such purpose; evidence being in his possession that the Patriarchal Order could be established in that locality by the ordinary and natural mode, and which, in his opinion, was best calculated to secure its prosperity. The success which has attended the course pursued may be deemed as some testimony favorable to the propriety of this opinion, independent of its manifest justice. The dispensation for this Encampment was entrusted to D. D. Grand Sire Hersey, and by him it was duly opened and constituted, on the 6th day of May, 1843. The return of the worthy Deputy is herewith submitted.

A deputation was forwarded to D. D. Grand Sire Bain, on the 26th of March, authorizing him to confer the Patriarchal degrees on brother Ely Carter and six others, of the scarlet degree, residing in Murfreesborough, North Carolina; and on the 6th day of May, dispensation was issued for "Bain Encampment, No. 2," to be located in the town above named. Our highly respected and very worthy brother who has so ably and faithfully performed the many laborious duties imposed on him for the Order, discharged them in this case with his usual alacrity, and on the 23d of June, 1843, opened and constituted the Encampment. His return accompanies this report.

On petition of patriarch John Schouler and seven others, with cards from, and the recommendation of Massasoit Encampment, No. 1, praying for a charter for "Monotomy Encampment, No. 3," dispensation was issued on the 12th of May, 1843, locating the Encampment at West Cambridge, Massachusetts, and was forwarded to D. D. Grand Sire Hersey, with the power of deputizing. The worthy brother intrusted the opening and constituting the Encampment to C. P. R. L. Robbins, who, under special commission, performed that duty on June 21st, 1843. The return is herewith submitted.

Upon the first day of June, 1843, dispensation was issued on the application of patriarch Thomas Barr and six others, with cards, and the earnest recommendation of Massasoit Encampment, No. 1, for an Encampment styled "Monomake Encampment, No. 4," and to be located at Lowell, Massachusetts. The dispensation was forwarded to D. D. Grand Sire

Hersey, and the Encampment was opened and instituted by him, on the 29th day of June, 1843. His return is herewith presented.

On June 8th, 1843, dispensation was issued on the petition of patriarch Samuel R. Slack and six others, with cards, and the recommendation of Massasoit Encampment, No. 1, for "Bunker Hill Encampment, No. 5," to be located at Charlestown, Massachusetts. This dispensation was also forwarded to D. D. Grand Sire Hersey, and by him opened and constituted, on the 9th day of August, 1843. His return in this case also accompanies this report.

On the application of patriarch P. V. Dibble and six others, with cards, from Palmetto Encampment, No. 1, praying for a charter for "Ashley Encampment No. 3," to be located at Charleston, South Carolina, dispensation was issued on the 14th of July, and forwarded to D. D. Grand Sire Case, who promptly instituted the Encampment in due form, on the 19th of the same month, as shown in his return.

Application was received from brother Alvan N. Miller and nine others, of the scarlet degree, and one patriarch of Palmetto Encampment, No. 1, praying to have the Patriarchal degrees conferred on a sufficient number to enable them to apply for a charter for an Encampment, to be located at Savannah, Georgia, and to be entitled "Magnolia Encampment, No. 1." A deputation for the purpose was forwarded to D. D. Grand Sire Case, accompanied by a dispensation for the Encampment, on the 28th July, 1843. The degrees were conferred and the Encampment constituted on 16th August, 1843, as reported by return hereunto annexed.

On the 1st of August, dispensation was issued for "Washington Encampment, No. 2," to be located at the town of Columbia, Merry county, Tennessee, on the petition of patriarch Henry Wade and six others, who presented the recommendation of Ridgely Encampment, No. 1, in their favor. At the request of the petitioners, the deputation was forwarded to patriarch J. M. Scantlan, under special commission, authorizing him to open and institute the Encampment. No return has yet been received of the opening of this Encampment. In issuing these dispensations for lodges and Encampments, care was had to so arrange their terms as to make them close on the 30th day of June, and the corresponding periods throughout the year, as provided for by resolution of the session of 1842, [page 451,] printed proceedings.

The application from brother Ebenezer C. Grannis and ten others, of the scarlet degree, for dispensation to qualify them to petition for an Encampment, to be located at Macon, Georgia, has been deferred action from indubitable evidence having been laid before the Grand Sire, that at least five patriarchs of the R. P. degree were in connection with the Order at that place, who were anxious to procure others to unite with them in a more perfect application for an Encampment. It is, with the connecting circumstances, respectfully submitted. Third, of Grand Encampments.

A joint application was received from Sassacas Encampment, No. 1, and Oriental Encampment, No. 2, of Connecticut, signed by the representatives of the respective bodies, being all the Encampments within the state, and having seven Past Chief Patriarchs in membership, praying for the establishment of a Grand Encampment for the state of Connecticut. Dispensation was issued on the 19th of April, 1843, and a special deputation made

in favor of P. G. P. Wilson Small, who repaired to New Haven and opened and constituted the Grand Encampment of Connecticut, and located it in that city, on the 20th of the same month. His return of the manner in which he performed this duty is herewith presented.

Application was received from Trenton Encampment, No. 2, Mt. Ararat Encampment, No. 3, and Olive Branch Encampment, No. 4, having fourteen Past Chief Patriarchs in good standing, and the assent of Mt. Sinai Encampment, No. 5, was signified by vote, (having no Past Officer to represent it in convention,) praying for a Grand Encampment for the state of New Jersey, to be located at the city of Newark; and also, to grant the privilege of holding sessions at the city of Trenton until the 1st of January next. Dispensation was accordingly issued, and the Grand Encampment opened and instituted at Trenton, as prayed, and its permanent location fixed at Newark, on the 11th day of May, 1843, by the Grand Sire, assisted by the valuable services of brother John G. Treadwell, Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment of New York.

Application was received from Palmetto Encampment, No. 1, and Eutaw Encampment, No. 2, the only Encampments at the time in operation in South Carolina, praying for the grant of a charter for a Grand Encampment in that state. Dispensation was issued on the 21st of July, 1843, authorizing the same to be located at Charleston. The deputation was forwarded to the worthy D. D. Grand Sire Case, who opened and constituted the same on the 11th day of August, 1843. His return is herewith submitted.

Each of these dispensations will require the action of the Grand Lodge during the present session, to authenticate them.

An application was received in August last, from Oglethorpe Lodge, No. 1, and Live Oak Lodge, No. 3, for a Grand Lodge to be located at Savannah, in the state of Georgia. Two other lodges being at the time the application was made, in successful operation within the limits of the jurisdiction prayed to be formed, who had not united in it, so far as relates to location, it is respectfully submitted to your direct action.

At the time when the Order was organized in this country on its present successful plan, those who were most active in framing it, were anxious to retain a general numerical registry of all lodges then in being, and which should thereafter be instituted, under the remote as well as the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States. The failure to establish so valuable a regulation at a period so propitious to its successful introduction and operation, is subject for sincere regret. Modification of our system and mode of government, under circumstances where experience convinces us it so nearly approaches the perfection desired, would be attended with much labor and no little vexation. Yet, to delay to future time a regulation which ever would have been useful, and is likely to become more essentially so in time to come, will be providing for an increase of these difficulties, superadded to that of rendering the task less possible to be performed with correctness. It is respectfully suggested to the Representatives to adopt measures for ascertaining the date of instituting the several subordinates which have been opened since the establishment of the Grand Lodge of the United States, whether by the authority of this Grand Lodge, or that of the states, and to have the same registered in for-

mal manner, lodges and Encampments separately, and to provide for the preservation of a perfect register hereafter; so that a complete chronological record of the past and future progress of the whole Order may be preserved in the archives. A measure of this kind would not interrupt the mode of preserving numerical registry under the state Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, as at present practised; each state and country could continue the use of local numbering; but it would provide for additional registration on general books. In view of a more extended operation than has heretofore limited our efforts, these preparations are the more essentially necessary at the present time.

Nothing can be more servicable in preserving the welfare and purity of the Order at large, than the exercise of proper care in the selection of persons for admission to membership. Among remaining practices in various parts of the jurisdiction, requiring correction by general regulation, and which is legitimately within the province of the Grand Lodge of the United States, may be enumerated that of initiating persons at places remote from their permanent residences, while lodges and Encampments are known to be located in their immediate neighborhood. Constant complaints are being made that highly improper persons have been thus admitted to membership, who in many cases have been refused admission by those to whom they were known, and admitted to the Order by those who had opportunity to be nothing but strangers to their true reputation. Would it not be well in such cases, for the Grand Lodge to protect one portion of the Order from the inconsiderate action of another part of it.

Previous to the time arriving for the several D. D. Grand Sires to enter into their office according to the terms of appointment, the Grand Sire, pursuant to the suggestion on the subject in his report of last year, had prepared a formal commission, detailing the duties proper for such officers to perform. A copy is herewith submitted for the sanction of the Grand Lodge. The exceeding great usefulness of these adjuncts to the Grand Sire have been proved in the most satisfactory manner during the current year, while such extraordinary accession has been making to both branches of the Order. It affords unmeasured satisfaction to be enabled to present for the first time reports in formal and regular manner, setting forth the performance of their duties, and the condition and prospects of the subordinates under their charge. Much that was hoped for from method has already been obtained, experience will supply the deficiency. Among those who have performed the largest amount of service during the term, may be noted D. D. Grand Sires Case, Hersey, and Bain; these brethren have labored with an industry deserving of all commendation. Besides furnishing special reports of every official act as it transpired, brother Case has presented a semi-annual report worthy of being considered a model. Each of the persons announced as having been selected for appointment by the Grand Sire were duly commissioned, excepting one, who not being qualified by the requisite degrees, his commission has been withheld and the duties devolved on brothers specially deputed. Full returns of the state of their respective charges have been received from D. D. Grand Sires Moore, of the District of Columbia; Glazier, of Delaware; Stewart, of Missouri, &c.; Potts, of North Illinois, &c.; and Mondelli, of

Louisiana—which places the department within their limits in the most promising position, excepting so much as relates to the Encampment branch in Delaware, which is stated to have been prevented from successful revival by the rates of charges for initiation, &c., under a Grand Encampment in a neighboring state, being on a lower scale than the Grand Lodge of the United States requires its subordinates to exact. This is a proper subject for the Grand Lodge to so regulate as to prevent one part of the Order from inflicting injury on another. In the districts composed of the states of Connecticut, New Jersey, and South Carolina, the necessity of such officer is superseded by the establishment of Grand Encampments within their limits, which completes therein the arrangement for local supervision.

A laudable solicitude continues to manifest itself in every portion of the jurisdiction for information on the proper mode of work; and much anxiety exists for the personal visit of a proper Officer of the Grand Lodge to impart instruction. The Grand Sire was prevented from accomplishing a long cherished desire of performing such duty in portions of the Order, most likely to need it, by circumstances as sadly painful as they were imperative. It is however gratifying to know that the necessity has been in some degree abated by the frequent visitings of brothers from all parts of the country to the seat of the Grand Lodge. Yet the uniformity of work is a matter which cannot be compromised, and the most active measures are necessary to perfect it.

For several years past a deep and abiding anxiety has exhibited itself, on all sides, for a revision of the style of the lectures and charges. None have opposed it as an unnecessary proceeding, but division has heretofore existed on the most appropriate time for its performance. Very few of the cases for delay now remain, the most important, that of supererogation in case of a settlement of differences with the A. M. C., (when an entire revision was expected to be necessary,) is likely forever removed. No occasion more fit can occur than the present to commence the work, equally on account of our freedom from external controlment, and the great abundance of mental accession to our councils. Would it not at the same time be commendable in the Grand Lodge to direct the preparation of suitable lectures for the side degrees?

At the earliest possible period after the adjournment of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Sire, in pursuance of the vote on the subject, by commission, appointed P. G. Frederick Goli, Jr., and P. G. James Gavey, Jr., of Concord Lodge, No. 43, of the state of New York, to examine and report on the correctness of the French translation of the lectures. Their report, which with their commission, is herewith submitted, will more fully inform you of the character of the reputed deficiencies in the translation committed to them for examination. Under further instruction, they kindly consented to revise and prepare a more finished and correct version; this labor they have performed to the entire satisfaction of capable Frenchmen to whose inspection it has been submitted. The resolution of last session, by which their above cited commission was raised, authorized the Grand Sire to compromise with the translator of the former version for the amount of his claim. Opportunity having been offered to bring together all the parties, the Grand Sire was enabled to conclude an amicable arrangement

which will no doubt prove satisfactory to the Representatives. It is suggested to present each of the Past Grands who rendered assistance in improving the translation, with a suitable memorial of the consideration in which valuable services are held by the Grand Lodge.

Notwithstanding the very clear manner in which our regulations on regalia define the mode of distinguishing the various ranks, there still appears to exist some little misapprehension on a few minor points; should time permit, your attention to the subject is requested. The Grand Lodge will not fail to observe, that while legislating on the denoting emblems of advancement and office in the Order, it has heretofore neglected to define the appropriate jewels for its officers, as well as for every other grade of office. By providing for jewels suited to each office in the Order, the Grand Officers will be much relieved and assisted, as at present they are obliged to refer to the enactments of the several state Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, which are as various as they are numerous.

The Official Magazine has continued in its onward course of usefulness to the Order, and gratifying evidence is afforded of the energy and capability of those to whose hands its management has been intrusted; much improvement is apparent as well from the increased experience of its able Editor and the style of its execution, as the growing punctuality of its publication. A certainty of regular appearance at the stated times, will further add to the confidence which the brethren throughout the land already evince towards it as a medium of official communication. The time has passed by when it seemed problematical whether advantage would result from the dissemination of useful official information, judiciously selected. The only question which can now be profitably considered in relation to it, is one involving the best means of making it support itself, and incidentally contributing to the declining financial ability of the Grand Lodge of the United States. This latter part will be more particularly adverted to in another portion of this communication.

It must be gratifying to the Representatives to observe the interest manifested by brethren in various parts of the jurisdiction, favorable to the permanent establishment of this important assistant to their own labors, in supporting the true principles of the Order, and promulgating valuable information relative to its interest and progress; untrammelled by local feeling or the jealousies arising from rival competition. Such qualities are essentially requisite to the channel of public communication with the brotherhood at large, and the community in which we live. And such may with certainty be expected from a work under the immediate control of the Representatives of the constituent bodies, dependent for support on the whole extent of our fraternity. Much to forward the work might have been done during the past year by agents especially authorized to visit the most eligible localities for obtaining subscribers. Several brothers high in the confidence of the Order, have within that period, made formal application for such appointment, and however much it might have gratified the Grand Sire to be thus instrumental in aiding this means of prosperity, nevertheless he could not conceive the power for such appointment rested in his hands. The propriety of taking measures for such commission in future, and the adoption of every other means which will tend to the improvement and success of the Official Magazine, is urgently pressed on the attention of

and Lodge. The Agent, whose special duty it is, will lay before the details connected with the business department of the Magazine, to which you are referred for more full information.

are referred to the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer the detail of receipts and expenditures during the current year. The system of finance was no doubt well adapted to a more limited operation and less profuse disbursement; but it has now become experience that entire renovation is required to render it at all adequate to the needs of an extended and still extending jurisdiction. In his last report, the Grand Master called attention to the propriety of a more vigorous enforcement of system and accountability; in a slight degree the legislation of the session was in accordance with the suggestion, leaving, however, the important defects wholly untouched. Is it not essential that immediate measures be adopted for re-organizing the manner of receiving and managing the funds, and for systematizing the mode of keeping the accounts? Under the present system of heterogeneous accounts, the income of the Grand Lodge appears, to the superficial observer, much more considerable than in reality it is. That which in justice can alone be reckoned as *net* revenue, is such as is realized from charter fees, dues, and percentages; all other receipts are little else than reimbursements for expenses advanced in the preparation of books, &c., for the use of the franchise.

These should be kept as distinct as possible, every class of sub-account appearing for itself, and periodically the ascertained profits, if any accrue from the sale of books, &c., could be carried from the sub-account to the general fund of the Grand Lodge. By adopting a system of this character, the true amount of available revenue would be ascertained, and the business of the Grand Lodge correspondingly accelerated.

Apprehension appears to exist, even among the best informed, relative to the financial abilities of the Grand Lodge. And hence it becomes a duty to lay before the Order the present and future means of support. To do such work in a manner to do justice to the great interests involved would claim more attention than can possibly be devoted to it during the usual sessions of the Grand Lodge; and may make it necessary for a committee to take charge of the subject in the recess, and to report improvements as experience and the prospects of the future may require.

While our attention is thus directed, it may not be improper in this place to inform the Representatives assembled, that unless important measures are made in the lateral sources of revenue, the Grand Lodge is compelled, within a very short period, to resort to the doubtful expedient of an increase in the rate of dues. Every Grand Lodge and Encampment added to our constellation, involves the substitution of a direct and limited amount of dues for the more expansive income derived from charter fees, and percentages previously received from the lodges to whom the grant is made; and is therefore in effect a diminution of revenue from a locality where the natural growth of the Order requires an increased expenditure from the general fund in its behalf. The system of direct taxation, which in theory may deem the most equitable, and to a limited extent in practice is so doubtlessly, has ever been justly used for filling the public coffers been abhorred as the most odious.

ous: and it has passed into a concession that the lighter such burdens are laid on those who contribute toward public expenses, the more popular and prosperous the government and contented the constituency. Under our system of government, a general increase in the amount of the dues would prove highly injurious to the smaller and weaker Grand Bodies; and it would equally be distasteful to them for corresponding increase of power to accompany the exaction on those bodies strong enough in members and means to warrant them in augmenting their direct contributions, should demand be made on them alone; yet such increase of power under exaction of the kind would but comport with common justice and the genius of our organization. All the lights of experience and the highest effort of your wisdom are required to be brought to bear on this vital subject, lest some mistaken policy should operate as a clog to the future prosperity of our cherished institution. To enable the Grand Lodge to meet pressing claims against it, the Grand Sire authorized, under the resolution of last session, one thousand dollars to be taken upon loan.

In closing his last communication in an official capacity, the Grand Sire cannot refrain from expressing to his beloved brethren, whose kindness and confidence elevated him to the highest honor of the Order, his deep and sincere acknowledgments for the continued evidence of their personal regard, and for the devotion with which they have assisted in the discharge of the important duties that have devolved on him during a period remarkable alike for the importance of the series of events, and for the position which American Odd Fellowship has been forced to assume. Standing alone, as it now does, before the world and high Heaven, resting solely on its intrinsic merits for its future usefulness, our loved Order is with confidence commended to the care and protection of Him who in the plenitude of his Providence "tempers the wind to the shorn lamb."

JOHN A. KENNEDY, *Grand Sire*.

Baltimore, *September 18, 1843.*

On motion of Rep. Treadwell, of New York, the report was referred to a select committee, with instructions to report a proper distribution of its subjects to the appropriate committees.

The Chair named Rep. Treadwell, of New York; P. G. Sire Glazier; and Rep. Marshall, of Kentucky, as the committee.

Rep. Hurlbut, of South Carolina, having voted in the majority upon the resolution negatived at the morning session, against admitting all R. P. D. visiting brethren, now in the city, to witness the deliberations of this body, moved a re-consideration of that vote, which was decided in the affirmative.

The resolution being now under consideration, Rep. Marshall, of Kentucky, moved to amend the same by striking out the words "deliberations of this body," and substituting the words "Installation of the Grand Officers elect," which was decided in the affirmative.

Rep. Marshall, of Kentucky, called for the previous question, which being demanded by a majority of the members present, the said previous question was put, that is, "shall the main question be now put?" and was decided in the affirmative.

The question was then put—"Will the Grand Lodge adopt the resolution as amended by Rep. Marshall, of Kentucky?" when it was determined in the affirmative.

The hour having arrived fixed for the order of the day, to wit: the installation of Grand Officers,

On motion of Rep. Kneass, of Pennsylvania, the Grand Lodge proceeded to that ceremony.

P. G. M. HOWELL HOPKINS, of Pennsylvania, being presented by P. G. Sires Wildey and Glazier, at the foot of the Chair, having been first examined and found duly qualified, according to the various requisitions of the Constitution, was solemnly qualified in the O.B.N. of his office. G. Sire Hopkins, having been invested with the regalia of his office, was formally conducted to the Chair by P. G. Sires Wildey and Glazier, and was proclaimed the duly installed Grand Sire of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of America, after the ancient form—when he addressed the brethren as follows:

"One of the first lessons learned in Odd Fellowship, is obedience to your superiors. A due observance of their legitimate requirements is enjoined on every member at each stage of his advancement in the Order. At the call of his lodge, each member should perform the duties asked of him if in his power so to do; and although it may not exactly harmonize with his wishes, yet it is his duty, so far as in his power, to further the declared wishes of his brethren, to carry out their views, and to the best of his ability promote the good of the Order. The Grand Lodge of the United States, the illustrious head of the Order, at its last session, having, by the votes of its Representatives, thought proper to call for my services, and expressed its wishes that I should perform the duties of Grand Sire of the Order in the United States of America. Whatever may be my individual wishes, and however much I regret that their selection should have fallen on me, who, although feeling the most ardent desire to promote the good of the Order; to sustain that reputation which the principles of the Order have gained for it, yet is conscious of his inability to do, and perform all that may be expected of him. But acting on the principles of obedience to his superiors, as early learned in the Order, I yield to the wishes of my brethren, and will endeavour to perform the duties of the office you have elected me to, calling to my aid all the knowledge I have heretofore acquired, and such as I may derive from a faithful study of the principles of the Order. In the performance of these duties, I shall look with confidence to the assistance which is to be expected from the intelligence, knowledge and love of the Order to be found in my brethren comprising the Grand Lodge."

P. G. M. WILLIAM S. STEWART, Deputy Grand Sire,

P. G. M. JAMES L. RIDGELY, Grand Recording Secretary, and

P. G. M. ANDREW E. WARNER, Grand Treasurer,

Were then each installed into their respective offices by the Grand Sire.

The ceremony of installation being closed,

The Grand Sire appointed the following Grand Officers, by and with the advice and consent of the Grand Lodge, as required by the Constitution, viz:

P. G. Sec'y WILLIAM CURTIS, of Pennsylvania, W. G. Marshal.

P. G. M. ALBERT CASE, of South Carolina, W. G. Chaplain.

P. G. RICHARD BRANDT, of New Jersey, W. G. Guardian.

P. G. JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN, of Maryland, W. G. Messenger.

Who were severally inducted to their respective offices.

The Grand Lodge resumed the consideration of business, when

Rep. Salomon, of Alabama, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, unanimously, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be and they are hereby respectfully tendered to P. G. Sire, John A. Kennedy, the late incumbent of the first Chair, for the able and dignified manner he has presided over the deliberations of this body at its regular session, and for the general promptitude and ability he has evinced, in the discharge of the arduous duties intrusted to his care during the recess, and that the Grand Secretary be requested to furnish him with a copy of this resolution, under the seal of the Grand Lodge.

Rep. Marshall, of Kentucky, who had voted in the majority upon the resolution decided in the negative at the morning session, providing for the printing of the journal of proceedings of the Grand Lodge from day to day, moved a re-consideration of the vote had upon that subject, which was decided in the affirmative.

The resolution being now under consideration, on motion of Rep. Treadwell, of New York, the whole subject was referred to a select committee, with instructions to report upon the probable additional expense, and the practicability of the measure.

The Chair announced as the committee, Rep's Moore, of District of Columbia; Treadwell, of New York; and Kneass, of Pennsylvania.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning, at nine o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, September 20th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment: Present, the Officers and a due representation.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Sire presented the appeal of several lodges of the state of Massachusetts against the decision of the Grand Lodge of the state, which being made without the assent of the state Grand Lodge, as required by the Constitution, he stated could not be received: when on motion of Rep. Stokes, of Pennsylvania, the petitioners obtained leave to withdraw their appeal.

Rep. Hinman, of Connecticut, from the Committee on Petitions, submitted the following report, with the accompanying resolution, which was accepted and the resolution adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred a paper purporting to be an application from Henry Bremer and four other brothers of the state of New York, for a charter for a subordinate lodge to be instituted in the free city of Hamburg, Germany—have duly considered the same, and

believing that the extension of the Order in that quarter of the globe would be of vast benefit, if intrusted to the proper persons, and conducted upon the principles which govern the Order in this jurisdiction, are of opinion that when an application shall be made in due form it should be granted.

They therefore respectfully submit the following resolution.

ROBINSON S. HINMAN,
THOMAS SHERLOCK,
SYLVESTER V. SICKELL.

Resolved, That when a formal application may be made for a charter for a lodge, to be installed in Hamburg, the Grand Sire be and he is hereby authorized and directed to issue a dispensation for that purpose—*provided*, that satisfactory evidence shall be submitted to him, of the qualifications of the applicants.

Rep. Stokes, of Pennsylvania, from the select committee, on deferred business, made the following report, which was read and on motion accepted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The committee appointed to report upon the deferred unfinished business of last session find that on the examination of the minutes, the following business remains unfinished or laid over for the action of this session.

On page 447, amendment to Article II, of the Constitution.

“ “ 448, amendment to Article XII, do.

“ “ 456, strike out Article VIII, do.

“ “ 464, amendment to Article XII, do.

“ “ 464, Report of the committee on the property of the Grand Lodge, and schedule of the same.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN W. STOKES,
WILLIAM H. ELLIS,
JOSEPH SEGAR.

Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, from the select committee to whom was referred the subject of having the journal printed daily, made the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The select committee to whom was referred the subject of having the journal of this body printed daily, and placed on the tables of members, have consulted with the printer in regard to the practicability and expense of effecting the object. They find that the cost will probably not exceed the sum of fifty dollars, which is a small consideration compared with the advantages which would result therefrom in facilitating the business of this body. The committee, however, have some doubts as to the possibility of having the work done on so short a notice, without any previous arrangement, and hence, in order to test the experiment, they recommend the adoption of the following conditional resolution.

Resolved, That the copy of the Journal of yesterday and this day, be placed in possession of the printer, to be printed by him, and laid on the tables of members, at the contract price of four dollars for every eight pages; and, provided the said work be accomplished in season, then the journal of to-morrow and the succeeding days of the session, be disposed of in the same manner, but if the work be not done in time, then this contract to cease and be of no effect whatever, except to authorize the proper officers to pay the expense that may be incurred under the first clause of it.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM W. MOORE,
JOHN G. TREADWELL,
HORN R. KNEASS.

Rep. Ellis, of Connecticut, asked for a division of the question, when the question being taken upon the acceptance of the report, it was decided in the affirmative.

Upon motion, to adopt the resolution accompanying the report, it was decided in the affirmative.

Rep. Treadwell, of New York, from the Committee of Finance, submitted the following report and resolutions.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee of Finance submit the following resolutions for adoption, believing it will facilitate the business of the Grand Lodge, and also enable the committee to arrive at its pecuniary condition.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN G. TREADWELL,
EZEKIEL SALOMON,
A. K. MARSHALL.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary call upon all persons having claims against this body, to present the same to him forthwith.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary furnish the Committee of Finance, with an estimate of the probable receipt of funds at this session, and the probable amount that will be necessary to defray the current expenses of this session, and for the residue of the year.

On motion, the report of the committee was accepted, and the resolutions adopted.

Rep. Hillyer, of New Jersey, presented the petition of William C. Branin of that state, praying to have the P. D. of the Encampment conferred upon him, which was read and referred to the Committee on Petitions.

The Grand Corresponding Secretary presented the following, being his Annual Report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

In obedience to the resolution defining his duty, the undersigned begs leave very respectfully to submit his Annual Report. At the last session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, the several subjects of duty detailed in the following resolutions, were enjoined upon the Corresponding Secretary.

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding Secretary be, and he is hereby instructed, to take such measures as he may deem necessary to ascertain the views of state Grand Lodges, as to the propriety of abolishing the proxy system, and also their disposition to contribute in aid of the funds of this Grand Lodge, for the purpose of securing a *bona fide* representation from all the states."

"*Resolved*, That all Grand and subordinate lodges and Encampments working under a charter from this Grand Lodge, be instructed by a circular to be addressed to them by the Grand Corresponding Secretary, that they are hereafter required to refuse admission into their lodges, to all persons who claim admission, by virtue of a card granted by a lodge in connection with the Manchester Unity."

"*Resolved*, That the steps taken by the Grand Corresponding Secretary with a view to secure in the new Hall now being erected by the Grand Lodge of Maryland, a suitable apartment for the use of this Grand Lodge, as an office for its Corresponding Secretary, with fire-proof vaults for the safety of the archives, &c., be approved by this Grand Lodge; and that the Corresponding Secretary be authorized to enter into a contract with the Grand Lodge of Maryland, for a lease of the said apartment for a term not exceeding ten years, upon such terms as may be considered reasonable and just between the parties."

I have the honor to report that the instructions enjoined in the foregoing resolutions have been complied with; the proceedings of the several state Grand Lodges which have acted definitely upon the subject contained in the first resolution, are herewith submitted. The authority to the undersigned embodied in the third resolution, has been exercised, and all the valuable property of the Grand Lodge of the United States, has been deposited in the fire proof vault attached to the office of the Corresponding Secretary, in the Old Fellows' Hall, in the city of Baltimore. These apartments were erected under the immediate direction of the undersigned, and affords the most ample protection for the archives, works, and voluminous documents belonging to that office. A contract has been executed with the proper authorities of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, for a lease of the said apartments for ten years, for the sum of \$150, per annum, payable quarterly, dating the 18th day of July, 1843.

The removal of the property of the Grand Lodge to the new office, and the proper furnishing of the Corresponding Secretary's office, have been attended with unavoidable expense, which not having been provided for at *your last session*, it is respectfully suggested that an appropriation be now made for that object.

In pursuance of a direction to the Corresponding Secretary, at a former session, to obtain from P. G. Sire Thomas Wilkey, all documents of value connected with the early history of the Order, which were in his possession, the subject was again brought to the attention of that distinguished brother, from whom I have the pleasure to report, that very many interesting papers have been obtained, a schedule of which, together with the answer of this brother to the request made of him, is herewith submitted.

In compliance with the order requiring the Corresponding Secretary "to pay over all moneys received by him in the vacation, for the use of the Grand Lodge, and to report the same—specifying the amount received, from whom received, and for what object," and in further obedience to the resolution of the 23d September, 1841, on the same subject, the undersigned respectfully presents the following statement of the receipts during the past year, all of which have been paid over to the Grand Treasurer, vouchers for which accompany this report.

1842.	STATES, LODGES OR ENCAMPMENTS.	WHAT PURPOSE.	AMOUNT.
Sept. 26,	Grand Lodge of Connecticut, - -	Books, -	\$12 00
Oct. 11,	Jerusalem Encampment, Virginia, - -	Dues, -	21 15
" 23,	Willey Encampment, do. - -	do. -	5 62
" 23,	Weldon Lodge, North Carolina, - -	do. -	25 00
"	Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, - -	English Mission, -	25 00
Nov. 1,	G. Lodge of Dist. Col. & Col. Encampment, -	dues, -	71 18
" 3,	Jerusalem Encampment, Virginia, - -	do. in full, -	1 89
" 7,	Damascus Encampment, Virginia, - -	do. do. -	2 00
" 8,	P. G. M. George M. Bain, - - -	Diplomas, -	18 00
" 18,	M. W. Grand Sire, - - -	Special loan, -	1000 00
"	Franklin Lodge of Maryland, - - -	English Mission, -	10 00
"	Harmony, do. do. - - -	do. -	10 00
"	Miller, do. do. - - -	do. -	10 00
"	Morning Star, do. - - -	do. -	10 00
"	Adam, do. - - -	do. -	10 00
"	Jerusalem Encamp. do. - - -	do. -	10 00
" 20,	William Curtis, Grand Secretary, -	do. -	95 00
Dec. 23,	Merrimack Lodge, Massachusetts, -	do. -	10 00
1843.			
Jan. 11,	Washington Lodge, N. Carolina, - -	dues, -	50 00
"	Delaware, per P. G. S. Glazier, - -	English Mission, -	30 00
"	Willey Encampment, Mississippi, -	do. -	10 00
" 18,	Marion Lodge of Maryland, - - -	do. -	10 00
"	Wm. Tell, do. - - -	do. -	10 00
" 23,	Grand Encampment, Virginia, - -	Charter, -	30 00
"	Campbell Encampment, North Carolina, -	do. -	30 00
"	Washington Lodge, do. - - -	dues, -	54 50
Feb. 11,	Grand Lodge of New Jersey, - - -	do. -	56 00
" 21,	Eutaw Encampment, South Carolina, -	Charter, -	30 00
"	Grand Encampment of Maryland, - -	Books, -	6 00
Mar. 7,	Neilson Encampment, Virginia, - -	dues, -	22 21
" 27,	Union Lodge, Virginia - - -	English Mission, -	10 00
"	Wilmington Encampment, N. Carolina, -	Charter, -	30 00
"	Franklin Lodge, Georgia, - - -	dues, -	143 34
"	Kennedy Lodge, Florida, - - -	do. -	7 83
Aug. 1,	Columbia Encampment, Tennessee, -	Charter, -	30 00
"	Ridgely Encampment, do. - - -	dues, -	20 00
"	Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, - -	Books, -	50 00
"	D. D. G. Sire, Case, - - -	Charter, -	90 00
" 8,	Oglethorpe Lodge, Georgia, - - -	dues, -	106 10
"	Franklin, do. do. - - -	do. -	73 84
"	Live Oak, do. do. - - -	do. -	66 93
"	Ashley Encampment, S. Carolina, -	Charter, -	30 00
"	Druids' Lodge, Georgia, - - -	do. -	30 00
" 14,	Marley Encampment, Dist. of Columbia, -	dues, -	28 07
"	Cape Fear Lodge, Wilmington N. Carolina, -	do. -	46 82
"	Campbell Encampment, do. - - -	do. -	23 12
Sept. 2,	Grand Lodge of Alabama, - - -	quota, 1843, -	20 00
" 6,	For 2 copies of Covenant, - - -	-	5 00
" 11,	Grand Lodge of Indiana, - - -	quota, -	20 00
"	Iowa Lodge, - - -	dues, -	4 00
" 13,	For 2 copies of Covenant, - - -	-	5 00
" 15,	Grand Encampment, South Carolina, -	Charter, -	30 00
"	Eutaw Encampment, do. - - -	Final dues, -	39 22
"	Palmetto Encampment, do. - - -	do. -	72 54
"	Magnolia Encampment, - - -	Charter, -	30 00
"	Florida Lodge, - - -	dues, -	49 27

The receipts into the Treasury, it will be perceived, have greatly decreased, owing to the augmentation of Grand Lodges and Encampments, and in view of the certain continued decrease of revenue arising from the same source, it is respectfully suggested that other financial measures must now be devised to enable the Grand Lodge to meet its ordinary current expenses.

The great increase in the Order within the last few years has necessarily brought along with it many arduous duties and responsibilities to the Grand Lodge of the United States; the various efforts made by that body to elevate and preserve the character of the institution, rendered imperative by reason of the great extent of the jurisdiction, and the consequent additional labor incident to these efforts, have involved it in debt. It will be among the most important offices of the Representatives at their present session, to devise ways and means for extricating it from present embarrassment, and by prudent and careful legislation to provide against its recurrence. The present Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States, was adopted when the extent of its jurisdiction scarcely reached one half of its present limit, and at a time when the business concerns with which it is now charged were comparatively very inconsiderable. The provision made in that instrument for the representative tax, was then, it is believed, quite sufficient in addition to the per centage and charter fees from subordinates, to meet its ordinary expenses. Wherever the Order has been since introduced, Grand Lodges have been established, leaving but one or two sources of direct revenue from its subordinates, and all of which before the session of 1844, it is more than probable, will be directed to other sources. It will be necessary, therefore, either to increase the representative tax, to enlarge the basis of representation, and adjust it upon such principles as will ensure additional revenue to the Grand Lodge of the United States, or to digest and mature such other fiscal measures as the wisdom of the Representatives may suggest, to meet the predicament in which the Treasury of the Grand Lodge of the United States is now placed. This subject is earnestly recommended to your consideration, and the undersigned ventures, very respectfully, to hope that it may not be adjourned to the close of the session, when in the haste of business, it may not receive that serious attention to which its great importance entitles it.

Having adverted to the several subjects of duty required to be performed by the Corresponding Secretary in the recess, the undersigned takes leave, respectfully, to detail such correspondence as has been had during the past year, which is worthy of your consideration.

ENGLISH CORRESPONDENCE.

By direction of the M. W. Grand Sire, an official communication was addressed to the Manchester Unity early after the adjournment of the last session, accompanying which several copies of the journal were transmitted, containing the legislation of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, upon the subject of its relations with that body. The communication from this office briefly, but respectfully referred to the report of the Committee on Foreign Relations, and your action thereon. No official acknowledgment of the letter of the undersigned has since been received;

herewith, however, is presented a copy of the minutes of the Board of Directors at Manchester, and abstracts from the journal of proceedings of the A. M. C., which assembled at Bradford, on Whitsunday last. It will appear from the former document, that our official communication had been received by the Board of Directors, and was referred to the consideration of the A. M. C., which body, so far as we are informed, have as yet not retraced the steps heretofore so unadvisably taken upon the subject of the universality of Odd Fellowship. Further information will be presented to you from private sources, which will no doubt determine the final and absolute divorcement of the two bodies, in the two hemispheres, and upon the Representatives of the present session, will devolve the important responsibility of devising the scheme and means of scattering the blessings of Odd Fellowship as understood and practised in the United States, throughout the world. If our brethren abroad are content to remain stationary, while the world around them is in progress in all that concerns the elevation of human character; if they will sleep in composure, content to circumscribe the benefits of an institution to their own soil, which is destined, under proper auspices, to fill the earth, let us press onward to the attainment of a far higher moral and intellectual victory. There is a rich heritage before us—it is not to be attained by the spear or sword, it is a moral conquest, it is a mission of humanity, the extension of relief, succor, education, and moral culture, upon principles of association congenial to the most refined sensibility throughout the earth; a material universe alone should be the limit of our labors, and all the energies at our command should be strung to this noble enterprise.

HOME CORRESPONDENCE.

Herewith the undersigned presents a detailed report of the condition of the Order at large, as developed from the correspondence of the past year.

MAINE.—The Representatives will learn with much pleasure that two lodges have been regularly organized in this state, the one located at Portland, the other at Saco.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.—Granite Lodge, No. 1, has been instituted in New Hampshire, very recently, under promise of great success.

MASSACHUSETTS.—The Grand Lodge of this state has been actively and successfully engaged, during the recess, in spreading throughout its jurisdiction the benign principles of Odd Fellowship. The report to the present session exhibits a very large increase in the number of lodges and a great augmentation of its constituency at large. The Patriarchal branch of the Order has been, under the most favorable auspices, instructed in that state, and five Encampments are now engaged in active work as the fruit of the labors of our brethren in that section during the past year. To Grand Secretary Guild, the Corresponding Secretary is under many obligations for regular and interesting correspondence.

CONNECTICUT.—The Order in this state has had a season of great prosperity, since your last session—considering the comparative infancy of the Order within its borders, its rapid progress and elevation of character commends it to the admiration of the Grand Lodge of the United States. The Grand Lodge of Connecticut was instituted but a few years ago and already numbers a constituency which gives it rank, under the Constitution.

with the first state Grand Lodges. Two Representatives are chosen from the Grand Lodge, and one from the Grand Encampment, which has been organized during the past year.

NEW YORK.—For particulars and detailed information from this jurisdiction, the Annual Message of the Grand Sire may be referred to. Among the many cheering evidences of the continued and unexampled prosperity of our beloved Order, in this great state, perhaps the most gratifying is that of the return to the true fold of all the erring lodges in the state. The state of the Order in New York is indeed a just subject of pride to every Odd Fellow in the country, and regarding the untiring zeal and indomitable energy of the Grand Officers of the state, it may without any doubt be predicted that from this period forth, Odd Fellowship will rear its standard in every county, district and village of that extensive jurisdiction.

NEW JERSEY.—The Order has in both branches been blessed with the highest degree of success, within the limits of the state. The administration of the past year has been one of great zeal, and the gratifying result which has attended the labors of our brethren in that jurisdiction are worthy of all commendation. New Jersey appears at this session by three Representatives.

PENNSYLVANIA.—The correspondence with this state, during the year has been limited. Information has however reached us that all is prosperous within its borders: a new impetus, we learn, has been given to the spread of Odd Fellowship, and many new lodges have been instituted in parts of the state, where heretofore local prejudices had been successful in preventing their establishment.

DELAWARE.—The undersigned has the pleasure of reporting very favorably of the condition of our beloved Order within this jurisdiction—a few years ago fears were entertained of the stability of Odd Fellowship in Delaware. The untiring devotion of the brotherhood in Wilmington has dissipated all such apprehensions, and the progress of improvement, which our institution has made within the last two years, in that state, demonstrates, beyond all controversy, that perseverance and industry may, and will overcome all obstacles to the triumph of a good cause. The brotherhood in Delaware have erected a spacious Hall in the city of Wilmington, which during the past year has been solemnly dedicated to the sacred purpose of Odd Fellowship. To the liberality and enterprising spirit of P. G. Sire Glazier, is the constituency of the state indebted for much aid in accomplishing this object.

MARYLAND.—This being the seat of government of the Grand Lodge of the United States, no direct correspondence is held with the authorities of this state. The undersigned cannot, however, withhold the expression of high commendation due to the Grand Lodge of Maryland. The senior lodge in the Order, as such it has during a period of twenty years been gradually advancing in character and usefulness, and perhaps no other instance can be found of a similar institution whose administration has been more wisely or prudentially conducted—composed of some twenty-four subordinates, numbering not more than 2400 members, she has by the aid of eight lodges, located in the city of Baltimore, erected a magnificent Temple which has been this day solemnly, and under the most impos-

ing and heart cheering auspices, consecrated to Benevolence and Charity. When it is recollected that the cost of this structure, which falls but little short of \$40,000, has been liquidated exclusively with the surplus funds belonging to eight of its subordinates, the committee on Education and Jerusalem Encampment, of the city of Baltimore, it will strike every one with admiration, at the prudent and prosperous management which has characterized these institutions. If, in addition to such a view of the affairs of Odd Fellowship in Maryland, it be also considered that every demand upon these lodges and this Encampment, which has been made by the sick, and every appeal of merit which has been made by the afflicted or distressed, has ever been cheerfully and promptly met, and that the large investment made in the erection of the spacious edifice which now adorns the emporium city of the state, is the surplus treasury of these bodies, how much greater must be the wonder at the extraordinary results which are exhibited. The small contribution levied upon the constituency, carefully husbanded during a series of years, has not only been ample to relieve the sick, bury the dead, soothe the bereaved, clothe and educate the orphan, but still more to perpetuate the enduring principles of Odd Fellowship, by the erection of a monument, destined to reflect its exalted character in all future time. The world may reproach this distinguished body for what may be designated a prodigal outlay of treasure amid the almost universal cry of want which pervades the land; but to no such rebuke is the Grand Lodge of Maryland, or its favored subordinates obnoxious—not one dollar of this vast fund has either been squandered or lost; the treasures of the noble spirited and enterprising bodies which furnished the means have not been lessened to the extent of one mill, nor has their ability to relieve their sick or distressed brethren, been impaired one jot or tittle. The investment made is a secure and certain annual six per cent product, and uninfluenced by the fluctuations of time or markets. The undersigned congratulates the Representatives upon the spacious and commodious Hall, provided by the Grand Lodge of Maryland, for its Annual Session, and speaks, he is sure, the undivided voice of the Grand Lodge of the United States, in uttering the sentiment, well done "*Alma Mater*" of Odd Fellowship.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—I have great pleasure in reiterating the report of last year in relation to Odd Fellowship in this jurisdiction. The highest degree of prosperity has accompanied the labors of a devoted brotherhood in the District of Columbia; peace and harmony prevails uninterruptedly throughout its borders, and the ever prevailing spirit of energy which has heretofore characterized the Grand Lodge, continues unimpaired. The reports of Columbia and Marley Encampments have been returned.

VIRGINIA.—The Grand Encampment of this state, very shortly after the close of the last session, was duly organized by the instrumentality of D. D. Grand Sire Bain, to whom the Grand Lodge of the United States is under many obligations for frequent similar services. The annual report of the Grand Encampment has been made, exhibiting a gratifying picture of its prosperous career. The Grand Lodge of Virginia continues in its former most prosperous condition. During the past year, a school for the education of children, has been instituted in this state, and is progressing under the most cheering auspices. The final reports of Jerusalem, Wildey, Sa-

lem, Neilson, and Damascus Encampments have been received, and their accounts closed. A protest from Widows' Friend Encampment, of this state, against the formation of the Grand Encampment of the state, is herewith presented.

NORTH CAROLINA.—The cause of Odd Fellowship has no where been committed into the hands of more zealous and devoted brethren than in this jurisdiction. The increase of lodges and constituents has been most gratifying during the past year, and already the education of the orphan, that beautiful handmaid of Odd Fellowship, has found an abiding place in North Carolina. The brethren at Wilmington, in this state, have erected a spacious school house, designed for the education of children of both sexes, and have appropriated \$1000, per annum, to procure the services of a teacher of superior fitness for so important a trust. The Order throughout the state is every where prosperous, and among its constituents the Grand Lodge already enrolls the choicest citizens of this commonwealth. The report of Campbell Encampment, at Wilmington, has been duly received.

SOUTH CAROLINA.—Of the progress of Odd Fellowship in South Carolina, and concerning its eminent position in public opinion, too much can scarcely be said. On this fertile spot our march is still onward. Every where within the jurisdiction of this gallant state, do its lodges and constituents command respect and honor. To D. D. Grand Sire Case the undersigned is greatly indebted for much interesting information and essential service during the past year. The detailed report of that officer, made to the present session, of his doings, commends him to the regard of the Representatives as an invaluable laborer in the cause of the Order. The final reports of Palmetto, Eutaw and Ashley Encampments, have been made, and their accounts duly closed.

GEORGIA.—Odd Fellowship has had a career of great prosperity in Georgia since your last session. Five subordinate lodges and one Encampment are already in successful work in this jurisdiction, and herewith is presented an application for the admission of these lodges into the confederacy of state Grand Lodges. This petition was received during the recess, is in strict conformity to law, but being accompanied by a remonstrance from one of the lodges against the locality selected as the seat of government for the proposed state Grand Lodge, it has been deemed prudent to submit the subject to the action of the Grand Lodge of the United States itself. An application is also in hand, praying a warrant to institute Encampment, No. 2, at the city of Macon, in this state: a protest against the same was also received—both of which are herewith submitted. All the lodges in this state have made regular reports.

ALABAMA.—I have the pleasure to report that the Grand Lodge of this state appears at this session in the person of an immediate representation. The report exhibits the most pleasing evidence of the continued prosperity of our beloved Order within its limits.

MISSISSIPPI.—Willey Encampment, No. 1, of this state, has made its annual report, and information has been received at this office of the election of a Representative by the Grand Lodge of Mississippi. The undersigned has again to express his sincere regret that but little correspondence has had with this jurisdiction. The election of a Grand Representative, notwithstanding, evinces the fact that Odd Fellowship is in a healthful con-

dition in this state. A resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge of Mississippi in relation to our foreign relations, is by its request, herewith presented.

LOUISIANA.—It is with sincere pleasure that I announce to the Grand Lodge of the United States, the improving state of the Order in Louisiana. The reports of the Grand Lodge and Wildey Encampment of this state, present the gratifying information, that through the zeal and energy of P. G. M. Mondelli, and a few other active brethren, Odd Fellowship will again be restored to its former elevated rank and character in this jurisdiction.

FLORIDA.—The quarterly reports of Florida Lodge, No. 1, located at Jacksonville, and of Kennedy Lodge, No. 2, at Black Creek, East Florida, have been regularly made to this office, through that indefatigable officer, D. D. Grand Sire Albert Case, who has taken a peculiar interest in promoting the welfare of these lodges. Our Order is making good progress in that jurisdiction, and the lodges are much to be commended for the regularity of their reports.

ARKANSAS.—Far West Lodge, No. 1, located at Little Rock, is the only lodge in this state. Its reports up to March, 1843, have been duly made, but owing to the depreciation of the currency of the state, no dues have been remitted. The Order remains in statu quo in this state.

MISSOURI.—The undersigned again acknowledges his indebtedness to P. G. M. Stewart, the distinguished Representative elect from this state, for his continued interesting and valuable correspondence with this department. The report of Wildey Encampment, located at St. Louis, Missouri, has been received. The annual report of the state exhibits a growing increase in the Order, and the existence of the best feeling among the brethren.

ILLINOIS.—The report of Lebanon Encampment, No. 2, of Illinois, has been received, from which it appears that that body has commenced its career under the most favorable circumstances. The Grand Lodge of the state has held no correspondence with this office during the past year, and the annual report not being yet received, the undersigned is not qualified to give any account of the progress of the Order in this state. It is presumed that the D. D. Grand Sire of this district, whose attention was especially directed to this state by the Grand Sire, will report fully during the session, upon the state of Odd Fellowship in Illinois.

INDIANA.—Very interesting information as to the condition and healthy progress of our Order in this state, I am happy to report has been received from G. M. Hinds. A Grand Representative has been chosen, who has arrived at the seat of government, bringing with him the official reports of the state Grand Lodge, and of Wildey Encampment of that state. These documents exhibit an improved state of affairs in this jurisdiction in their particular departments; but the undersigned has to report, with much regret, that from information received from the D. D. Grand Sire of that district, that the Encampment at New Albany, which has failed to report for some time, still continues in a languishing condition.

OHIO.—In no part of our jurisdiction is Odd Fellowship committed to more faithful, earnest, and active brethren than in this great state. The correspondence with the proper authorities of Ohio has been regular, full,

and interesting during the year. To P. G. M. Charles Thomas especially, is justly due much credit for his unremitting attention to the official favors claimed at his hands by the undersigned. The annual report of the Grand Lodge shows a steady increase in the constituency and an augmentation of six new lodges. The Patriarchal department of the Order is also in a state of great prosperity in Ohio.

KENTUCKY.—From this state but little information has reached us officially. Informally we learn of the election of a Grand Representative, and that the Order is in the highest degree prosperous.

TENNESSEE.—In this state the Grand Lodge has continued to advance the welfare of the Order steadily and healthfully. The report presents a gratifying view of the state of Odd Fellowship. The Patriarchal branch of the Order has been established in this jurisdiction during the year by the organization of two Encampments, the one located at Nashville, the other at Columbia. The undersigned has to regret the continuance of differences of opinion between the Grand Lodge of the state and the Encampments. It is important for the interests of the Order that the matter of difference should be formally considered and settled, to this end the undersigned submits the correspondence on both sides of the question.

WISCONSIN TERRITORY.—Reports have been received from Iowa and Milwaukie Lodges of this territory, both of which ask a remission of dues.

REPUBLIC OF TEXAS.—Advices were received at this office in October last that the Grand Lodge of this republic had found it necessary to suspend its operation owing to the distracted state of the country, arising from its difficulties with the Mexican government, since when no further information has been officially received. The undersigned has, however, the pleasure to say, that from private sources he has learnt that the Grand Lodge has resumed its functions and is now in active operation.

CANADA.—The Order having but recently been introduced into this province, no correspondence has as yet been had with the authorities of the lodge organized at Montreal.

The journal of the last session was printed and distributed early after its adjournment, and it is believed was regularly received in all quarters of the jurisdiction. The undersigned has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the proceedings of the Grand Lodges of Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, South Carolina, Alabama, Ohio, and Kentucky; also the Constitution and By-Laws of Ridgely Encampment, No. 1, of Nashville, Tennessee; Campbell Encampment, No. 1, of Wilmington, North Carolina; all of which accompany this communication.

Pursuant to the resolution passed at September Session, 1841, the undersigned appointed several agents in different sections of the United States for the sale of the Diploma, whose names and respective places of residence were reported in his last annual report. He regrets to report that he has yet failed to obtain reports from these officers upon the subject of their trust—exception, however, must be made of the agents in Kentucky and Maryland. The brother appointed from Pennsylvania, to whom was intrusted ninety-two of these documents, under testimonial of the highest respectability of his integrity and probity, has informed the undersigned of the amount of sales which he made, with a statement that the amount received had been lost by means of a robbery which was committed upon

him ; a commission was ordered by the M. W. Grand Sire, to inquire the truthfulness of the allegation, which was forwarded from this P. G. J. N. Clarke, of Pittsburg, whose report thereon is herewith submitted. The expectations of the Grand Lodge in relation to the Diploma have signally failed, and it is important that some action be had to close all the present agencies, and to suggest some efficient means of disseminating that document.

Dispensations according to law, under the direction of the Grand Lodge have been issued from this office upon proper and constitutional applications for the same.

For Grand Encampments.

- To the state of Connecticut, at New Haven.
- To the state of New Jersey, at Newark.
- To the state of South Carolina, at Charleston.

For Subordinate Encampments.

- To the state of South Carolina, Eutaw, No. 2, Columbia.
- " " Ashley, No. 3, Charleston.
- To the state of Massachusetts, Massasoit, No. 1, Boston.
- " " Trimount, No. 2, Boston.
- " " Monotomy, No. 3, West Cambridge.
- " " Monomake, No. 4, Lowell.
- " " Bunker Hill, No. 5, Charlestown.
- To the state of New Jersey, Mt. Sinai, No. 5, Jersey City.
- To the state of North Carolina, Campbell, No. 1, Wilmington.
- " " Bain, No. 2, Murfreesborough.
- To the state of Tennessee, Ridgely, No. 1, Nashville.
- " " Washington, No. 2, Columbia.
- To the state of Georgia, Magnolia, No. 1, Savannah.

For Subordinate Lodges.

- To Wisconsin Territory, Milwaukie, No. 2, Milwaukie.
- To the state of Georgia, Franklin, No. 2, Macon.
- " " Live Oak, No. 3, Savannah.
- " " Druids, No. 4, Milledgeville.
- " " Macon, No. 5, Macon.
- To Territory of East Florida, Kennedy, No. 2, Black Creek.
- To the state of Rhode Island, Eagle, No. 3, Providence.
- " " Friendly Union, No. 1, do. (revived)
- To the Province of Canada, Prince of Wales, No. 1, Montreal.
- To the state of Maine, Maine, No. 1, Portland.
- " " Saco, No. 2, Saco.
- To the state of New Hampshire, Granite, No. 1, Nashua.

Charters have also been issued, as directed at your last session, to several bodies to which they were respectively granted. The various applications and official reports of the Deputies, acting in the premises herewith submitted, and it will be the duty of the Representatives at the next session to confirm the temporary grants, to authorize charters to be issued in lieu of the dispensations, under which the lodges and Encampments created in the recess are now working. It is very respectfully suggested that

a warrant to authorize the constitution and working of a lodge
ment, when ratified by the Grand Lodge of the United States,
adopted as to supersede the necessity of issuing charters—all the
d privileges necessary to these departments may as easily be del-
the one instrument as by superadding a charter, and thus the
f blank charters, the frequent delay incident to the safe trans-
of charters to distant places, and the necessity of obtaining the
of all of the Grand Officers, which it is sometimes inconveni-
in, might be wholly avoided.

cluding this report, the Corresponding Secretary has great pleas-
gratulating the Representatives upon the unparalleled prosperity
crowned the labors of a devoted brotherhood, during the year
s just past. Peace, harmony and love pervade the Order,
ur of the states of this glorious Union, the republic of Texas,
ovince of Canada, now acknowledge your jurisdiction. It has
ft repeated opinion of the undersigned, that the Independent
Odd Fellows was destined to cover the earth, proclaiming peace
will to man, upholding virtue, and restraining the march of vice.
nd Lodge of the United States at its present session, will give
impulse, no human power can stay the sublime triumph which
effort.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES L. RIDGELY,

Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

Cor. & Rec. Secretary,
altimore, September 18th, 1843.

on of Rep. Salomon, of Alabama, the report was referred to
tee to whom the Grand Sire's report had been referred, for the
distributing the subjects therein contained, to appropriate com-

illyer, of New Jersey, from the Committee on Returns, asked
d leave for the committee to sit during the meetings of the Grand

erlock, of Ohio, from the Committee on Petitions, submitted the
report and accompanying resolutions, which were read and

W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

mmittee on Petitions respectfully report :
y have had under consideration the applications for subordinate
l upon which dispensations have been granted, and find them
s, and recommend that charters be granted.
erefore recommend the passage of the accompanying resolutions.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ROBINSON S. HINMAN,
THOMAS SHERLOCK,
SYLVESTER V. SICKELL.

Resolved, That the dispensations issued by the Grand Sire, during the recess, to the following lodges, be confirmed, and that charters be granted to each, viz:

Franklin Lodge, No. 2, Macon, Georgia, December 25, 1842.

Live Oak Lodge, No. 3, Savannah, Georgia, January 16, 1843.

Kennedy Lodge, No. 2, Black Creek, Florida.

Milwaukie Lodge, No. 2, Milwaukie, Wisconsin Territory, January 16, 1843.

Eagle Lodge, No. 3,* Providence, Rhode Island, April 21, 1843.

Friendly Union Lodge, No. 1, do. do. June 21, 1843,

— Lodge, No. 4, Milledgeville, Georgia, July 1, 1843.

Maine Lodge, No. 1, Portland, Maine, August 7, 1843.

Saco Lodge, No. 2, Saco, do. August 18th, 1843.

Granite Lodge, No. 1, Nashua, New Hampshire, August 30, 1843.

United Brothers Lodge, No. 5, Macon, Georgia, September 11, 1843.

Resolved, That D. D. G. Sire Case be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to insert a title to the lodge instituted at Milledgeville,† Georgia, other than that chosen by the applicants.

Rep. Kezer, of Tennessee, offered the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That our worthy P. G. Sire, John A. Kennedy, is respectfully requested to furnish the reasons, for withholding the yearly password from Tennessee, six months after it was justly its due, together with the reasons why the Grand Lodge Charter of Tennessee, has not yet been furnished that body.

Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was read and adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred communications from certain subordinate lodges in Kentucky, on the subject of changing the location of the Grand Lodge of that state, have considered the same, and beg leave to report:

That these communications are from Union, Franklin, Friendship, Madison, Social, Capital, and Central Lodges. The five lodges first named, ask for the removal of the Grand Lodge to Lexington; Capital Lodge wants it located at Frankfort; and Central Lodge is opposed to its removal at all. There are eight other lodges in the state, which have expressed no opinion on the subject.

Those lodges favoring the removal from Louisville, urge it on the ground that it would advance the convenience of a majority of lodges, and give to the Grand Lodge a more central location, in a region where there is the greatest increase in the Order; and Central objects to the removal, because it regards it as a mere sectional movement.

The committee entertain the opinion that the location of a Grand Lodge should not be changed, unless for good and substantial reasons, to be acquiesced in by most of the members of the state immediately interested. No matter in what city or town a Grand Lodge be placed, a large portion of its members must suffer more or less inconvenience from attendance upon its deliberations, and hence the necessity of concession on all sides, and a sacrifice of personal convenience for the benefit of the institution at large.

* *Eagle Lodge, No. 3*.—In issuing the dispensation for this lodge, under an impression that two lodges had been previously instituted in the state, it was registered as "No. 3." From a careful examination of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, it would now seem that but one lodge had been previously established there, and consequently that the number should be "2."

† *Lodge instituted at Milledgeville*.—The title adopted under the resolution is "Sylvan Lodge, No. 4."

the information before them, it is impossible for the committee to say what are the wishes of a majority of the brethren of Kentucky on the subject, and they are therefore unwilling to recommend a compliance with the petition, lest they should do injustice to some of the parties, who have not had an opportunity of making their views known. Louisville is the largest town in Kentucky, and will probably maintain its superiority in this respect. Whether the fact of its being a border town, one of the grounds of complaint, is likely to prejudice materially the interests of the Order in the state, is a matter requiring the serious deliberation of all the lodges, to whose fidelity and discretion the committee are to commit the question; and if they decide among themselves, by a degree of unanimity, both as to propriety of removal, and the point of time, then will be the proper time for this body to take the matter into consideration. For the reasons herein set forth, the committee ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

All which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM W. MOORE,
RICHARD MARLEY.
ALBERT GUILD.

Moore, of District of Columbia, offered the following, as an amendment to the Standing Rules of Order, which was adopted: Amend Article No. 6, which is in these words: "Reports of committees on business will then be read."

Section 7, which reads as follows: "Report of Grand Sire as to his acts and proceedings during the recess of the Grand Lodge," add "of which report the Grand Sire be authorized to have two hundred copies printed, provided it can be done in time to place the copies on the tables of the members at the proper time for laying that annual document before this body, or otherwise."

Section 8, read as follows: "Annual Reports of the Grand Corresponding Secretary and Grand Treasurer—in which the latter officer shall submit a statement of all the receipts and expenditures on account of his office for the year, designating in detail the sources from whence the moneys were received, and the objects for which they are expended; both of which may be printed, either together or separately, as may be most convenient in the same manner as is above provided for the annual report of the Grand Sire—it not being intended, however, that the presentation of these reports shall be delayed in order to have them printed."

Thaffner, of Kentucky, offered the following resolution, which was adopted by the Committee of Finance.

Resolved, That the Grand Encampments of commonwealth of Kentucky, and state of Tennessee, be and are hereby released from all dues, which the said Encampments now owe to the Grand Lodge.

McAlmon, of Alabama, offered the following resolution, which was adopted by the Committee of Finance.

Resolved, That the sum of twenty dollars forwarded in 1840, for the purpose of obtaining a charter for Brothers Lodge, No. 3, to be located at Mobile, be refunded to the applicants, inasmuch as the application was withdrawn, and charter not

Rep. Sanderson, of Maryland, offered the following amendment to the Constitution, seconded by Rep. Guild, of Massachusetts, which was laid on the table, as required by the Constitution.

Strike out of the fourth line of the certificate, the word "one," and fill the blank with the word "two," so as to read two years, &c.

Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, asked and obtained a re-consideration of the vote by which the report presented by him on the subject of the removal of the Grand Lodge of the state of Kentucky, was adopted.

The resolution being under consideration, Rep. Marshall, of Kentucky, moved to re-commit the report to the committee, with instructions to report a resolution to empower the Grand Lodge of Kentucky to remove the seat of government, upon the application of a majority of the lodges of the state, which was decided in the negative.

The question then recurring on the report of the committee, it was again adopted.

Rep. Webb, of Virginia, presented a communication from the Grand Encampment of Virginia, announcing the expulsion of Widows' Friend Encampment, of that state, which was referred to the Committee on Returns.

Rep. Kneass, of Pennsylvania, offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge do present P. C. P. Henry Leffman, of Philadelphia, a diploma, as an evidence of their sense of his kindness, in promptly and faithfully translating into the german language, the work of subordinate Encampments, free of charge, and that this resolution be copied on the said diploma.

Rep. Stewart, of Missouri, offered the following resolution, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee of Finance.

Resolved, That all dues and arrearages from Wilkey Encampment, No. 1, St. Louis, Missouri, and Lebanon Encampment, No. 3, Springfield, Illinois, previous to the present session, be and are hereby remitted.

Rep. Treadwell, of New York, from the committee to whom was referred the Grand Sire's report, for allotment, submitted the following report, which was concurred in.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

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The special committee to whom was referred the report of the Grand Sire for the purpose of allotting the various subjects to appropriate committees, respectfully recommend the following distribution for adoption, viz :

That so much of the report as relates to the "independence of the Order in foreign countries, and the establishment of a universal convocation," be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

That so much of the report as relates to "petitions and dispensations granted," and the accompanying documents, be referred to the Committee on Petitions.

That so much of the report as relates to the "establishment of a general numerical registry," be referred to a special committee of three.

That so much of the report as relates to the "initiation of distant applicants," be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

That so much of the report as relates to the "form of commission and reports of D. D. Grand Sires," be referred to the Committee on Returns.

so much of the report as relates to the "reports of the D. D. Grand e referred to a special committee of three.

so much of the report as relates to the "uniformity of the work of r," be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

so much of the report as relates to the "revision and preparation ctures and charges," be referred to a select committee of three.

so much of the report as relates to the "French translation of the and charges, and the compensation therefor," be referred to the ee of Finance.

so much of the report as relates to the "regalia and the jewels of id Officers," be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

so much of the report as relates to the "Official Magazine," be to the Committee on Official Magazine.

so much of the report as relates to the "Finances," be referred to mittee of Finance.

JOHN G. TREADWELL,
ZENAS B. GLAZIER,
A. K. MARSHALL.

kokes, of Pennsylvania, offered the following preamble and resolu- ich was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

as, Various complaints have been made to the Grand Lodge of the state of nia, by several of the subordinate lodges, located near the line of the state nd, of a growing evil arising from the initiation of persons rejected by said to lodges under a different jurisdiction, and as it is calculated to be produc- d consequences if persisted in, and the generation of a feeling at variance established principles of our beloved Order, by admitting without proper in- a persons unworthy, and thereby vouchsafe to them their admission into r of those that have well-grounded reasons for refusing the fellowship: there-

d, That it is the wish of this Grand Lodge, that the different Grand Lodges jurisdiction, should prohibit the initiation of any person coming from the : vicinity of a working lodge, either of their own or an adjoining jurisdic- out first corresponding with said lodge, for the purpose of ascertaining his or connecting himself with a lodge at a distance and amongst strangers, r is a lodge near his own residence, composed of members supposed to be rith his reputation.

salomon, of Alabama, presented resolutions passed by the Grand f that state, in relation to the work of the Order, which were refer- e committee on that subject.

xion of Rep. Salomon, of Alabama, the Grand Lodge proceeded er the report of the committee on unfinished business.

ret question on this report, being amendment to the Constitution, I, page 447, postponed.

xcond, being amendment to Article XI, to change the time of meet- ird Monday in August, being considered.

3herlock, of Ohio, moved to adopt the amendment, which motion cted, 5 voting in the affirmative, and 17 in the negative.

ird subject, being amendment to Article VIII, of the Constitution, i, was considered and unanimously decided in the negative.

reas and nays were called for by Rep. Treadwell, of New York, eared as follows:

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NAYS.—Rep's Guild, Hersey, Ellis, Palmer, Brown, Wilson, Treadwell, Vn Sickell, Harris, Hillyer, Stokes, Kneass, McDonnell, Marley, Moore, Webb, Segar, Campbell, Hurlbut, Seymour, Salomon, Dicks, Kezer, Marshall, Shaffner, Stewart, Sherlock, and Earnest—28.

On motion of P. G. Sire Glazier, the Past Grand Sires were excused from voting on this subject.

So the amendment was unanimously negatived.

The next subject, on page 464, in relation to Grand Encampments, was considered and rejected—being one vote in the affirmative and twenty in the negative.

The next subject being on the property of the Grand Lodge, it was considered, and on motion, the committee allowed further time to make their report.

The Chair announced the following special committees on the subjects allotted by the committee on the Grand Sire's report:

Numerical Registry—Rep's Hurlbut, of South Carolina; Earnest, of Illinois; and Brown, of New York.

Reports of D. D. Grand Sires.—Rep's Seymour, of South Carolina; Salomon, of Alabama; and Guild, of Massachusetts.

Revision and Preparation of the Lectures and Charges.—Rep's Kneass, of Pennsylvania; Moore, of District of Columbia; and Segar, of Virginia.

The Grand Treasurer submitted his annual report, which was referred to the Committee of Finance.

Rep. Hillyer, of New Jersey, from the Committee on Returns, made the following report, which was read and adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Returns, to whom was referred the memorial of A. W. Mitealf and others, members of the Grand Lodge of I. O. O. F., of the state of Pennsylvania, protesting against the election of Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States, and the Grand Lodge Officers at their last Annual Meeting, report:

That they have carefully examined the matters referred to them; that the protestants appeared before your committee, and were unable to substantiate the grounds of their protest, and your committee are of the unanimous opinion that the Representatives to this Grand Lodge, to wit: brothers Stokes and Kneass, are the legal Representatives, and that as far as your committee are able to ascertain, the Annual Grand Lodge Officers already installed into office, were duly and constitutionally elected.

Respectfully submitted.

E. T. HILLYER,
R. W. SEYMOUR,
WILLIAM G. WEBB

Rep. Brown, of New York, offered the following amendment to Article XII, of the By-Laws, which was considered and adopted:

To insert after the words "Grand Lodge," the words "Grand Encampment."

Rep. Hurlbut, of South Carolina, offered the following amendment to Article XII, of the By-Laws, which was considered and adopted:

Article XII—to strike out "two" and insert "one."

tion of Rep. Ellis, of Connecticut, the resolution passed yesterday in the afternoon, at half past three, was re-considered. The resolution being under consideration, it was, on motion, amended to read: "Resolved, That the Grand Lodge adjourn until four o'clock, this afternoon, the Grand Lodge adjourned until four o'clock, this afternoon."

WEDNESDAY, 4 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge convened pursuant to adjournment: Present, the officers and the same Representatives as of the morning session. The Journal of the morning session, was read and approved. Treadwell, of New York, from the committee, to whom was referred the report of the Grand Corresponding Secretary for allotment, made a verbal report, which was adopted.

W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

A special committee, to whom was referred the report of the Grand Corresponding Secretary, for the purpose of allotting the various subjects referred to, to appropriate committees, submit the following for consideration:

1. That much of the report as relates to the "communications from state lodges, relative to abolishing the proxy system, and to contribute the funds of this Grand Lodge, for the purpose of securing a representation from all the states," be referred to the Committee on Finance.

2. That much of the report as relates to the "furnishing of the Grand Lodge's office," be referred to the Committee of Finance.

3. That much of the report as relates to the "presenting of valuable documents," be referred to the delegation from the P. Grand Sire Wildey,

4. That much of the report as relates to the "receipts during the recess of the Grand Lodge, and the state of the finances," be referred to the Committee on Finance.

5. That much of the report as relates to the "correspondence and accounting documents," be referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

6. That much of the report relating to the "reception of Constitutions and returns of subordinate lodges and Encampments," be referred to the Committee on Returns.

7. That much of the report as relates to the "Diplomas," be referred to the Committee of Finance.

8. That much of the report as relates to the issuing of "warrants, &c. to Deputies," be referred to the Committee on Petitions.

9. That much of the report as relates to the "substitution of warrants in lieu of returns," be referred to a special committee of three.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN G. TREADWELL,
ZENAS B. GLAZIER,
A. K. MARSHALL.

Rep. Kneass, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee of Correspondence, made the following report, which was concurred in.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee of Correspondence beg leave respectfully to report: That they have examined the various letters and copies of letters, which have been submitted to them by the Grand Secretary, and have found nothing in them to which the attention of this Grand Lodge need be directed.

HORN R. KNEASS,
TALIAFERRO P. SHAFFNER,
WILLIAM S. STEWART.

Rep. Treadwell, of New York, offered the following, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the Committee on the state of the Order, be directed to report at this session, a general law, defining the general qualifications for membership of state Grand Lodges.

Rep. Hurlbut, of South Carolina, offered the following resolution, which, upon his own motion, was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Resolved, That no dispensation shall be granted for opening any lodge or Encampment, in any state, where a lodge or Encampment already exists, without the recommendation of the nearest lodge or Encampment, accompanying the application.

The Chair announced the appointment of the following select committee on substituting warrants for charters.

Rep's Stokes, of Pennsylvania; Dicks, of Mississippi; and McDonnell, of Delaware.

On motion of Rep. Marshall, of Kentucky, the Grand Lodge resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, upon the subject of the proposed amendment to the Constitution to abolish the proxy system. Rep. Lucas, of Louisiana, in the Chair.

After some time spent in Committee of the Whole, the committee rose, when the Grand Sire having resumed the Chair, Rep. Lucas, of Louisiana, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole, reported that the said committee recommended that the subject be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order, and that the Committee of the Whole be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

On motion of Rep. Treadwell, of New York, the report was adopted.

Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom the papers were referred, have had under advisement communications from state Grand Lodges, as follows:

From Maryland, expressing the opinion that the proxy system is the only feasible system in the present financial condition of the Grand Lodge, throughout this republic.

From New York, expressing the opinion that the proxy system ought not to be abolished in the Grand Lodge of the United States, until each and every state Grand Lodge is able to send a Representative to said Grand Lodge.

From New Jersey, in favor of such a system of per centage as will be likely to insure a full attendance of Representatives, and that the proxy system be entirely dispensed with.

From the District of Columbia, in favor of the abolishment of the proxy system, and assenting to be taxed in order to effect the object.

From Ohio, in favor of the abolishment, and assenting to be taxed, provided each state send but one Representative.

From Missouri, in favor of abolishment, and assenting to be taxed.

From Indiana, in favor of abolishment, and assenting to be taxed.

From Tennessee, in favor of abolishment of proxies, and of this Grand Lodge paying the expense of Representatives, and assenting to be taxed for the purpose.

From Louisiana, against abolishment, unless other lodges are taxed so as to divide the general expenses according to the strength of each state.

All the lodges above noted as assenting to be further taxed, in order to secure a *bona fide* representation on the floor, give their assent on condition that all the states be taxed in like manner, according to their respective proportions of members.

From the very limited number and nature of the responses (above cited,) to the resolutions on the subject of proxy representation, which were passed by this Grand Lodge at its last session, it is very evident to your committee, that the states whose population is the largest are unwilling to incur a full proportion of the additional expense that will be necessary to secure a full representation from the smaller states, and therefore there can be no further hope of effecting a reform in the proxy system at present recognized, by the means indicated in the report and resolutions of the last session.

Under these circumstances, the committee have carefully considered the whole subject, and as they can discover but three modes of accomplishing so desirable an object, they present them altogether, with their opinion upon them, to the full view of this body, as follows:

The *first* is, to enable this Grand Lodge to pay the Representatives, by changing the existing basis of representation, and requiring of each state Grand Lodge a larger annual contribution, proportioned according to the whole number of contributing members that may be under its jurisdiction, or a fixed per centum on the whole amount of receipts in each state. *Second*, the conditional abolishment of the system, to apply to such states only as have upwards of ——— hundred members, and whose resources, if properly managed, ought to enable them to incur the expense of sending on their Representatives. *Third*, the unconditional abolishment of the entire system.

As regards the first proposition, it may be objected that, if the more popular states contribute the largest amount of revenue, they would naturally conceive that they should be entitled to a proportionate representation in this body; and such a claim appears to be so reasonable, that, even

if not yielded at the present day, it would unquestionably be conceded at no very distant period of time. Thus viewing the matter, there is cause to apprehend that the adoption of this proposition would not prove a wise measure, so far as economizing the time and funds of the Order is concerned. It would naturally result in the enlargement of this body, and the incurring of a much greater amount of expense in transacting its business, all of which, no matter how the Representatives be paid, would necessarily fall on the state Grand Lodges, from whom the funds must be collected. Neither is it probable that such an augmentation of expense in securing legislation here, would have a tendency to lessen much, if at all, the burdens of distant lodges, which for a want of some other just and equitable rule, would have to bear their full proportion of taxation—for the additional revenue that might be received from the stronger lodges would be nearly all absorbed in defraying the cost of their additional Representatives, still leaving the weaker states to pay their own way at an increased price, or, if unable to do so, giving them much stronger grounds of complaint in being unrepresented, while some of their more fortunate sisters enjoyed even an increased representation. Therefore, both on the score of expediency and economy, the committee distrust the propriety of such a measure.

The second proposition is impracticable, because it could not be made to operate with equality on the different states which might be allowed a representation under it, inasmuch as a lodge in a middle state, with half the number of members proposed, would be as able to send a Representative to Baltimore, as a lodge having the full number which should be located in a southwestern or far west state. Independent of this objection, however, there is another yet stronger. Most of the Grand Encampments might claim to come under this system, (as they may claim to come under any other system,) which would be equivalent to giving them the privilege of proxy representation, and thus the evil that we desire to abolish would be prolonged for an indefinite length of time, as it is evident, this branch of the Order being much behind the other, that many years must elapse before Grand Encampments in the new states will be in a condition to enable them to send Representatives here.

The only objection which exists to the third proposition is the seeming injustice it would inflict on the smaller and distant states. This however, would not afford any real or substantial cause of complaint. They could not be denied a full representation, whenever they think proper to send their delegates, and this they would no doubt find means to do on all important occasions. Therefore, as an alternative, the committee deems the entire abolishment of the system, all things considered, as the most rational and practicable course that can be pursued, if this Grand Lodge be determined now to act upon the subject. There are at present but two states which are not represented, and, considering the rapid increase of the Order, in a short time they must possess sufficient strength to enable them to appear in person. In the intervening period, and at all times, they can officially communicate their views to the Corresponding Secretary, in the same manner as they now do to their proxies, and their communications would undoubtedly receive due consideration in this body. Indeed, there might be a committee raised, whose duty it should be to take special charge

of such matters, and press them forward with a view to appropriate reference and action, in the same manner as all other special business is disposed of—so that by this means, even if distant states should be without a direct representation, their affairs would not be more likely to be neglected than they now are; and as regards the vote which is now given in their name, they could lose little, if any thing, as it is just as likely under the present system to be cast against their sectional interests as for them, if indeed there be any such interests to represent here.

For the reasons herein adverted to, the committee recommend the adoption of the amendment now pending, which proposes to strike out the words "proxy" and "proxies" wherever they occur in the Constitution of the Grand Lodge—it being understood, however, that the adoption of the said amendment shall not affect the right of any proxies who have been duly recognized at the present session to retain their seats until its termination.*

WILLIAM W. MOORE,
RICHARD MARLEY,
ALBERT GUILD.

The report having been read, it was laid on the table, with a view to take up the proposition of amendment of the Constitution therein referred to; and

On motion of Rep. Seymour, of South Carolina, the Grand Lodge proceeded to consider the proposed amendment to the Constitution, on page 447 printed journal of last session, to wit: the abolition of the proxy system. The yeas and nays being required by Rep. Wilson, of New York, appeared as follows:

YEAS—Rep's Ellis, Palmer, Hinman, Van Sickell, Harris, McDonnell, Marley, Sanderson, Neilson, Moore, Webb, Segar, Campbell, Hurlbut, Seymour, Salomon, Kezer, Marshall, Shaffner, Stewart, Coleman, Sherlock, 2 votes, and P. G. Sire Glazier—24.

NAYS—Rep's Hersey, 2 votes; Brown, Wilson, Treadwell, Hillyer, Stokes, Kneass, Skinner, Dicks, Earnest, and P. G. Sires Wilkey and Kennedy—13.

Rep. Hersey, of Massachusetts, present, having cast two votes in the absence of his colleague, the same was objected to. The Chair decided that the Representative was entitled to two votes.

Rep. Coleman, of Indiana, appealed from the decision of the Chair, which the Grand Sire declared to be out of order.

Rep. Coleman, of Indiana, then appealed from that decision, when the question being put, "Will the Grand Lodge sustain the decision of the Chair?" it was decided in the affirmative.

So the proposed amendment was rejected.

* Note.—One member of the present committee, who submitted the report on this subject, which appears in the proceedings of last year, takes this method of explaining that the last paragraph of that report, as adopted and printed, will bear a construction that was not designed by its authors. The said paragraph, as it now stands, would seem to express a decided opinion of the committee against the admission of Past Grand Sires to seats in this body. This inadvertence was caused by an amendment of the report after it was presented. The committee were all adverse to Kneass's representation, and their report of last year, as originally drawn up, was designed to express an opinion, that representation here should be confined to "state Grand Lodges;" but it underwent a verbal amendment by inserting the words "and Grand Kneassians," without its being perceived at the moment that the designation of those two classes of members would convey an opinion adverse to the claims of the third class.

Rep. Treadwell, of New York, offered the following, which were adopted.

Resolved, That 600 copies of the Journal of this session of the Grand Lodge be published, and that one copy be sent to each state Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment, and the subordinate lodges and Encampments, under their respective jurisdictions, and to each subordinate lodge and Encampment under the direct jurisdiction of this Body, and the residue for the use of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed, residing in the state of Maryland, to contract for the public printing of this Grand Lodge, and that no printing shall be done without their authority.

The Chair announced the following as the committee, P. G. Sire Wildey, and P. G. M's Marley and Sanderson.

Rep. Wilson, of New York, offered the following, which was adopted.

Resolved, That D. D. G Sire Moore, be, and he is hereby authorized and directed, to respectfully request P. G. Sire Gettys, to deliver over to him any documents, if any, remaining in his possession which it may be desirable that the Grand Lodge of the United States should be possessed of.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning, at nine o'clock.

THURSDAY, September 21st, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment: Present, the Officers and a due representation.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Chair presented the following communication from Rep. Salomon, of Alabama, which, being read, on motion of Rep. Stokes, of Pennsylvania, it was ordered to be spread upon the journal, and the leave of absence asked therein, granted.

*"To the M. W. Grand Sire and Representatives,
of the Grand Lodge of the United States.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHERS :—A letter of a painful character which I found at my room on coming from the lodge, causes my departure from this city to-night. May I ask the indulgence of the Grand Lodge, and hope they will grant me a leave of absence, for the balance of the session—and with my best regards to all the brethren,
Allow me to subscribe myself, in F. L. & T.

E. SALOMON."

The Chair announced the appointment of Rep. Sherlock, of Ohio, on the Committee of Finance, vice Rep. Salomon, of Alabama, absent on leave.

Rep. Hinman, of Connecticut, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, with the accompanying resolution.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Petitions have examined the documents in relation to the institution of the following subordinate and Grand Encampments, for which dispensations were issued during the recess, and find them to be in proper form, and without objections. They therefore submit the following resolution.

ROBINSON S. HINMAN,
THOMAS SHERLOCK,
SYLVESTER V. SICKELL.

Resolved, That the dispensations issued to the following, be and they are hereby confirmed, and that the proper officers do now issue charters therefor.

Subordinate Encampments.

Campbell,	No. 1,	Wilmington,	North Carolina,	November 8, 1842.
Eutaw,	" 2,	Columbia,	South Carolina,	November 12, 1842.
Massasoit,	" 1,	Boston,	Massachusetts,	January 20, 1843.
Mt. Sinai,	" 5,	Jersey City,	New Jersey,	March 20, 1843.
Bain,	" 2,	Murfreesborough,	North Carolina,	March 26, 1843.
Trimount,	" 2,	Boston,	Massachusetts,	April 22, 1843.
Monotomy,	" 3,	West Cambridge,	Massachusetts,	May 12, 1843.
Monomake,	" 4,	Lowell,	Massachusetts,	June 1, 1843.
Bunker Hill,	" 5,	Charlestown,	Massachusetts,	June 8, 1843.
Ashley,	" 3,	Charleston,	South Carolina,	July 14, 1843.
Magnolia,	" 1,	Savannah,	Georgia,	July 27, 1843.

Grand Encampments.

Connecticut,*	at New Haven,	April 19, 1843.
New Jersey,†	at Newark,	May 11, 1843.
South Carolina,‡	at Charleston,	July 21, 1843.

The report being under consideration, Rep. Hurlbut, of South Carolina, offered the following, which was decided in the negative.

Resolved, That so much of the report as relates to Ashley Encampment, be referred back to the Committee on Petitions.

The report and the resolution accompanying the same, were thereupon adopted.

Rep. Kezer, of Tennessee, offered the following preamble and resolution.

Whereas, Article XXV, of the By-Laws, defining the proper regalia of the Order, is not sufficiently definite and explicit, so as to be understood by all alike—and, *Whereas*, it is desirable and highly important, that there should be an uniformity in this respect—Therefore

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order, be instructed to report a form of regalia, so plainly and definitely expressed, as to admit of no doubt as to the true construction.

Rep. Marshall, of Kentucky, moved to lay the preamble and resolution on the table, which was determined in the negative.

On motion of Rep. Kezer, of Tennessee, the subject was referred to the committee heretofore raised on that subject.

Rep. Hinman, of Connecticut, from the Committee on Petitions, submitted the following report, with the accompanying resolution, which was adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Petitions have considered the application of G. Patriarch, William C. Branin, of New Jersey, for the degree of P. H. Priest. It appears that he was elected Chief Patriarch of the Trenton Encamp-

* *Grand Encampment of Connecticut*.—This body was instituted on April 20th, 1843, when the following Grand Officers were installed, viz: Robinson S. Hinman, G. P.; Charles W. Bradley, M. E. G. H. P.; Richard M. Pratt, G. S. W.; William E. Sanford, G. Scribe; Samuel Bishop, G. Treas.; T. C. Boardman, G. J. W.

† *Grand Encampment of New Jersey*.—This Grand Encampment was opened on the day of the date of its dispensation, and the following Grand Officers were then installed, viz: William C. Branin, G. P.; Samuel B. Scattergood, M. E. G. H. P.; Isaac M. Morris, G. S. W.; Edward D. Weld, G. Scribe; William Claason, G. Treas.; Henry C. Boswell, G. J. W.

‡ *Grand Encampment of South Carolina*.—This body was constituted on August 11th, 1843. The Grand Officers installed were as follows, viz: Peter De Torre, G. P.; James H. Taylor, M. E. G. H. P.; James H. Adams, G. S. W.; S. A. Hurlbut, G. Scribe; W. H. Gibbs, G. Treas.; John Scholerie, G. J. W.

ment, No. 2, on its organization, and that by the laws of said Encampment, no member can be elected to an inferior office after holding a superior one. It is necessary that G. Patriarch Branin should have all the degrees, as it is his duty to confer them on past officers. The committee therefore submit the following resolution.

ROBINSON S. HINMAN,
THOMAS SHERLOCK,
SYLVESTER V^N SICKELL.

Resolved, That the Grand Sire, or such Deputy as he may appoint, be directed to confer upon G. P. Branin, of New Jersey, the degree of P. H. Priest, providing he is still acting as Grand Patriarch.

G. Secretary Curtis, of Pennsylvania, the Agent of the "Official Magazine," made the following report, which was read and referred to the committee on that subject.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

SIRS AND BROTHERS:—The undersigned respectfully asks leave to submit his report as General Agent of the Covenant and Official Magazine of the Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year commencing January, 1843.

STATES.	No. of copies sent Sub-Agents.	No. of subscribers in each state.	No. of copies in hands of Sub-Agts.	Amount received by General Agent.	Amount due the Grand Lodge U. S. by Sub-Agents.
Massachusetts, - - -	53	24	29	\$40 00	\$30 00
Connecticut, - - -	16	16			40 00
Rhode Island, - - -	1	1			2 50
New York, - - -	800	460	340	50 00	1102 00
New Jersey, - - -	23	23		35 00	22 50
Pennsylvania, - - -	114	31	83	25 75	51 75
Delaware, - - -	15	3	12		7 50
Maryland, - - -	143	104	44	71 75	188 25
District of Columbia, -	62	55	7	117 50	20 00
Virginia, - - -	14	14		10 50	24 50
North Carolina, - - -	11	11		5 00	17 50
South Carolina, - - -	57	57		17 00	125 50
Georgia, - - -	12	12			30 00
Alabama, - - -	9	9			22 50
Tennessee, - - -	21	21			47 50
Louisiana, - - -	2	2		5 00	5 00
Mississippi, - - -	21	21		27 50	25 00
Illinois, - - -	20	20			50 00
Kentucky, - - -	55	55		23 00	114 50
Ohio, - - -	63	63		35 50	122 00
Indiana, - - -	16	16		5 00	35 00
Missouri, - - -	36	36			90 00
Florida, - - -	5	5			12 50
Arkansas, - - -	12	12			30 00
Liverpool, England, - -	100	100			250 00
	1686	1171	515	\$ 468 50	\$ 2456 00

Thus it will be perceived that the number of copies sent to the different agents is 1686, while the number of subscribers is 1171, leaving in the hands of agents, 515 copies. The Agent regrets that while he has used all the exertions in his power for the purpose of making his collections, that there has been received from sub-agents and subscribers the sum of \$468 50, while the whole amount of subscriptions which is now due would be \$2927 50, and in justice to those agents who made their collections and paid over promptly, must here say, that where the smallest number of copies are sent there has been received the most money, while in the states where the work was expected at least to give an earnest to the Agent and the Grand Lodge of the United States, that it would not suffer, it will appear from the returns that little or nothing has been received, and in justice to the agents of those places, I would here take occasion to say, that they have informed me that every exertion on their part has been used to collect the amount of subscriptions due, but to no purpose.

The Agent immediately after he entered upon the duties of his office, perceived that there were 100 copies sent by the printer, to Liverpool, England, and he took measures to let brother Sykes, to whom the copies were sent, know that the subscriptions for the Magazine were expected by him to be paid in advance, and urged upon him the necessity of making an immediate remittance, to all of which efforts he has not received any reply. Your Agent also sent to each of the sub-agents in the various states a circular, stating to them that it was expected of them to remit to him the advance price as fast as possible, and endeavoured to impress upon their minds the necessity of prompt remittance, stating to them the situation of the Grand Lodge of the United States, as regards its financial affairs, to carry on the publication of the work, but all his efforts in a measure, have been fruitless.

Your Agent would here take this opportunity to report to you, that brother Guild, of Massachusetts, who is the agent in that state, informs him that he has charged his subscribers but two dollars per annum; while all the agents in other states have charged the subscription price of \$2 50. Brother Guild informs me that he was induced to make that charge by the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States, session 1841, and that he expects that amount to be the price which he is accountable for. Your Agent has received from sub-agents and brother Neilson, \$468 50 Brother Ridgely has had sent to him and paid by him to the

Grand Treasurer,	25 50
Making the whole amount of receipts,	494 00
He has paid brother Neilson, the printer,	\$356 20
In Grand Treasurer's hand, paid by brother Ridgely,	25 50
Paid brother Ridgely on account of editorial,	32 09
Paid postage,	16 47
Paid to sub-agents, about	40 00
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	470 26
Balance in hand,	<hr/>
	\$23 74

WILLIAM CURTIS, Gen. Agent.

On motion of Rep. Kneass, of Pennsylvania, the Grand Lodge agreed to re-consider the vote had at the afternoon session of yesterday, by which the proposed amendment to the Constitution, to strike out the words "party" or "proxies" wherever they occur in that instrument, was rejected.

The question being upon the adoption of that amendment to the Constitution, the yeas and nays were required and appeared as follows:

YEAS—Rep's Guild, Ellis, Palmer, Hinman, Vn Sickrell, Harris, Stokes, Kneass, Skinner, McDonnell, Marley, Sanderson, Moore, Webb, Segar, Hurlburt, Seymour, Dicks, Kezer, Marshall, Shaffner, Coleman, Sherlock, 2 votes—24.

NAYS—Rep's Hersey, Brown, Wilson, Treadwell, Hillyer, Lucas, Ernest, and P. G. Sires Wildey, and Kennedy—9.

So it appearing that two-thirds present voted in the affirmative, the Grand Sire declared that the proposed amendment to the Constitution was adopted.

Rep. Kneass, of Pennsylvania, from the select committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Sire's report relating to the revision of the Lectures, &c., made the following report, which was adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The committee to whom was referred so much of the report of the Grand Sire as relates to the revision of the style of lectures and charges, and the propriety of preparing suitable lectures for the side degrees, ask leave to submit the following report :

In reference to the revision of the style of the lectures and charges, your committee submit that they have been unable to see any substantial reasons for making the proposed revision. If the style of the lectures and charges was revised, it would be necessary to forward to each subordinate lodge and Encampment a set of the revised works, free of charge—the actual expenditure, then, to which it would be necessary to submit, without the least return, could be easily ascertained by a reference to the number of subordinates under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge. In addition to the actual outlay, the books now on hand, amounting to —, would be utterly valueless. The expense of the revision referred to, in the opinion of your committee, constitutes an obstacle which it would not be well to urge this body to attempt at the present time to surmount, even if the expediency of such a revision was clear.

In reference to the propriety of preparing suitable lectures for the side degrees, your committee submit that so far as they are informed, it would probably injuriously interfere to some extent with the course of business now pursued in some of the Grand Lodges ; and they can see no necessity for such lectures at the present time, even if the expense of publishing them, if prepared, could be endured ; but the expense of such a thing at present would be more than we could bear under existing circumstances. The beauty and strength of our system of work lie in its simplicity, and any effort at complicating it, sullies the one and impairs the other. Your committee, therefore, think it better to permit the side degrees to remain as they are for the present, without any alteration or addition.

HORN R. KNEASS.
WILLIAM W. MOORE.
JOSEPH SEGAR.

Rep. Brown, of New York, offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That this evening, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be set apart for instruction in the work of the Order.

Rep. Hurlbut, of South Carolina, offered the following resolution, which, on motion was ordered to lie on the table.

Resolved, That the resolution of the last session, conferring on all members of this Grand Lodge, the Grand Encampment and side degrees, be rescinded.

Rep. Marshall, of Kentucky, offered the following, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the propriety and power of one subordinate lodge or Encampment, to initiate and confer degrees for another, be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order, and said committee be requested to report under what conditions such instructions may be had.

Rep. Hersey, of Massachusetts, submitted the following resolution.

Resolved, That a special committee be appointed by this Grand Lodge, for the purpose of enlarging and improving the lecture of the first, or white degree of this Order, and such others as they may think for the interest of the Order, and report to the next session of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Stokes, of Pennsylvania, moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was decided in the negative.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution, it was determined in the negative.

Rep. Treadwell, of New York, offered the following, which was adopted.

Resolved, That no copies of the printed journal of the Grand Lodge be permitted to pass out of the hands of the Representatives, until the adjournment of this body.

Rep. Coleman, of Indiana, offered the following resolution, which, on motion, was ordered to lie on the table.

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary take such steps as may be necessary to ascertain through the state Grand Lodges, the following information, from the time of the organization of each subordinate lodge under their jurisdiction :—

The names of all initiated, occupation, residence, and date of initiation.

" " Suspended, with the cause.

" " Expelled, with the date, and for what cause.

" " Rejected, and the time of such rejection.

" " Rejected upon application for admission upon card.

And report to this Grand Lodge at the earliest moment practicable.

Rep. Hillyer, of New Jersey, offered the following preamble and resolution, which was read and referred to the Committee of Finance.

Whereas, A dispensation to organize Mt. Sinai Encampment of Jersey City, in the state of New Jersey, was granted during the pendency of the application for a charter for a Grand Encampment, in said state—Therefore,

Resolved, That the charter fee received by this Grand Lodge, from Mt. Sinai Encampment, of Jersey City, be remitted to the R. W. Grand Encampment of the state of New Jersey.

Rep. Hillyer, of New Jersey, offered the following resolution, which, on motion of Rep. Marshall, of Kentucky, was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Resolved, That the first C. Patriarch and H. Priest, of every newly instituted Encampment, be entitled to receive all of the past official degrees, incident to the Encampment of Patriarchs, after having filled either of said offices.

Rep. Sherlock, of Ohio, offered the following resolution, which, on motion of Rep. Marshall, of Kentucky, was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Resolved, That all P. C. Patriarchs and P. H. Priests who may have passed, or have been in those chairs, previous to or at the date of the adoption of the Grand Encampment degrees, by this Grand Lodge, be entitled to receive both side degrees.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until four o'clock, this afternoon

THURSDAY, 4 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, all the Grand Officers and the same Representatives as of the morning session.

The journal of the morning session was read and approved.

Rep. Hinman, of Connecticut, from the Committee on Petitions, submitted the following report and resolution, which was adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Petitions have had under consideration the application for a lodge to be located at Montreal, province of Canada, find the same in due form, and recommend that the prayer of the applicants be granted, and the dispensation confirmed, and a charter granted.

ROBINSON S. HINMAN,
THOMAS SHERLOCK,
SYLVESTER V^N SICKELL

Resolved, That the dispensation issued for "Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1," province of Canada, be confirmed, and a charter granted to said lodge.

Rep. Hinman, of Connecticut, from the same committee, submitted the following report and resolutions, which were read and adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Petitions have had under consideration the application of eleven fifth degree members, of Georgia, for a charter for an Encampment to be located at Macon, together with the accompanying documents.

The application was made under date of 24th August, a protest against the granting of said charter, signed by two members of the R. P. Degree, dated 31st August, has been before your committee. The protest asserts that an application from R. P. D. members was then pending. It appears, however, that that application was signed by but two members, and of course was incomplete. Your committee submit the following resolutions.

ROBINSON S. HINMAN,
THOMAS SHERLOCK,
SYLVESTER V^N SICKELL

Resolved, That the Grand Sire, or such deputy as he may appoint, be authorized to confer the Encampment degrees (up to the R. P.) on brother James Wood and his ten associates.

Resolved, That the Grand Sire be, and he is hereby authorized to issue a charter to brother James Wood, and his associates, and such R. P. members, as may reside in the vicinity, (who may so elect,) for an Encampment to be located at Macon, in accordance with the prayer of the petition.

Rep. Hinman, of Connecticut, from the same committee, made the following report and resolution, which was read and the resolution adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Petitions have had under consideration the application for a Grand Lodge for the state of Georgia, and find the same in due form, and recommend that a charter be granted for the same—they, therefore recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ROBINSON S. HINMAN,
THOMAS SHERLOCK,
SYLVESTER VAN SICKELL.

Resolved, That a charter be granted for a Grand Lodge within, and for the state of Georgia,* to be located at Savannah.

Rep. Treadwell, of New York, from the Committee of Finance, made the following report and resolutions, which were read, and on motion, the report adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee of Finance respectfully report in part, viz :

On the application of Iowa and Milwaukee Lodges of Wisconsin, praying for a remission of dues, submit a resolution adverse to granting the prayer of the petitioners.

On the application of the Grand Encampments of Kentucky and Ohio, to be released from all dues which the said Encampments now owe the Grand Lodge, submit a resolution adverse to the application.

On the application of Rep. Salomon, of Alabama, that the sum of \$20 be refunded to the applicants for a charter for a lodge, to be located at Mobile, and hailed as "Brothers' Lodge, No. 3," in consequence of the application having been withdrawn, offer a resolution that the amount claimed be credited to the Grand Lodge of Alabama, and that it be requested to pay the said applicants the \$20 advanced.

On the application of Rep. Stewart of Missouri, that all dues and arrearages from Willey Encampment, No. 1, St. Louis, Missouri, and Lebanon Encampment, No. 2, Springfield, Illinois, previous to the present session, be remitted, submit a resolution adverse to the application.

On the subject of compensation for translation of the French work, alluded to by the Grand Sire, they submit a resolution to present P. G.'s Frederick Goll, Jr., and James Gavey, Jr., of Concorde Lodge, No. 43, of the state of New York, with a diploma, and that the same be copied on said diplomas.

On the subject of the Diplomas, alluded to by the Grand Secretary, the committee recommend that the resolution as recorded on page 360, proceedings, Annual Session, 1841, be rescinded, and that the Grand Secretary be directed to close up all agencies as soon as practicable; and recom-

* *Grand Lodge of Georgia*—This body was instituted on November 17th, 1843, when the following Grand Officers were installed, viz. Alvan N. Miller, M. W. G. M.; Guy I. Warren, R. W. D. G. M.; Eustis Parsons, R. W. G. W.; George W. Miller, R. W. G. Secretary; Eliza H. Rogers, R. W. G. Treasurer.

mend that the state Grand Lodges and Encampments be constituted agencies, and submit resolutions in accordance therewith.

On the subject of the charter of Mt. Sinai Encampment, No. 5, of Jersey City, New Jersey, for remission of same to Grand Encampment of New Jersey, in consequence of the dispensation having been issued during the pendency of the application for a charter for a Grand Encampment in said state, the committee would remark, that upon reference to the Grand Sire's report, it will be observed that the said Encampment was instituted on the 22d of March, 1843, and the Grand Encampment on the 11th of May, following, and that the granting of the dispensation of said Encampment has been confirmed by your R. W. body, and a regular charter ordered to be issued; the committee cannot, therefore, see the propriety of granting the request. On the other hand, it would be attended with evil consequences; that should it be granted, all state Grand Lodges and Encampments would have the same privilege of asking for the remission of all charter fees to them, granted prior to their respective organization—they, therefore, submit a resolution adverse to the application.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN G. TREADWELL,
A. K. MARSHALL.
THOMAS SHERLOCK.

Resolved, That the application of Iowa Lodge, and Milwaukie Lodge, of Wisconsin Territory, praying a remission of dues, be denied.

Resolved, That the application of the Grand Encampments of Kentucky and Ohio, to be released from all dues which the said Grand Encampments now owe this Grand Lodge, be denied.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to credit the Grand Lodge of Alabama, the sum of twenty dollars, being amount received for an application for a charter for a lodge, to be located at Mobile, and hailed as Brother's Lodge, No. 3, in consequence of the application having been withdrawn, and charter not issued—and that the said Grand Lodge be requested to pay the said applicants the amount above specified.

Resolved, That the application for the remission of all dues and arrearages of Wilkey Encampment, No. 1, St. Louis, Missouri, and Lebanon Encampment, No. 3, Springfield, Illinois, previous to the present session, be denied.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge present to P. G's Frederick Goll, Jr., and James Gavey, Jr., of Concorde Lodge, No. 43, state of New York, each a diploma, as an evidence of their sense of their valuable services, in correctly translating the lectures into the French language free of charge, and that this resolution be copied on said diplomas.

Resolved, That the resolution as recorded on page 360, proceedings, Annual Communication, 1841, relating to the sale of the diplomas be rescinded, and that the Grand Secretary be directed to close up all agencies as soon as practicable.

Resolved, That the state Grand Lodges and Encampments be, and are hereby constituted agencies for the sale of diplomas, at the fixed price of one dollar each, and that they be allowed 25 per cent out of the said sum of one dollar.

Resolved, That no diploma shall be granted except by a vote of the Grand Lodges and Encampments, or such subordinate lodges or Encampments under their respective jurisdictions as may by the said Grand Lodge or Encampment, be constituted sub-agents for granting such diplomas.

Resolved, That the application for the remission of the charter fee of Mt. Sinai Encampment, No. 5, New Jersey, to the Grand Encampment of said state, be denied.

On motion of Rep. Ellis, of Connecticut, the resolutions were taken up separately.

The first resolution was accordingly considered and adopted.

The second resolution being considered, Rep. Shaffner, of Kentucky, moved to strike out so much of the resolution as refers to the Grand Encampment of Kentucky, which was rejected, and the resolution as reported, was adopted.

The third resolution was considered and adopted.

The fourth resolution was considered, when Rep. Stewart, of Missouri, moved to strike out so much of said resolution as relates to Lebanon Encampment, which was rejected, and the resolution as reported, adopted.

The fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, and ninth resolutions were severally considered and adopted.

Rep. Hillyer, of New Jersey, from the Committee on Returns, made the following report, which, on motion, was accepted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Returns, from the Grand and subordinate Lodges and Encampments, beg leave respectfully to report: That they have examined the documents referred to them and give the following result:

Grand Lodges of Virginia, New York, New Jersey, Indiana, District of Columbia, Connecticut, Kentucky, and the R. W. Grand Encampments of New York, Connecticut, Kentucky, Ohio, and South Carolina—correct.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, irregular in tabular arrangement.

Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, gives no returns of amount expended for relief.

Grand Lodges of Missouri and Illinois, not stating for what purpose relief was granted.

Grand Lodge of Ohio, no return of number of members.

Grand Encampment of Maryland, no report of amount expended in relief.

Grand Lodge of Tennessee, report of relief informal.

Grand Encampment of New Jersey, no report of relief, and without the signature of Grand Patriarch.

Grand Lodge of Louisiana, report of relief informal.

Grand Lodge of Alabama, informal as to tabular arrangement.

Grand Lodges of Delaware and North Carolina, no report of relief.

Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, no returns except report of relief.

Kennedy Lodge, No. 2, of Florida, no seal, or signature of Noble Grand attached.

Iowa Lodge, No. 1, of Wisconsin, without number of Past Grands and seal.

Grand Encampment of Virginia, without seal.

Mt. Ararat Encampment, No. 3, of New Jersey, no report of number admitted by card, and no report of relief.

Trenton Encampment, No. 2, of New Jersey, wholly defective.

Sassacus Encampment, No. 1, no report of relief.

Eagle Lodge, Rhode Island, no seal.

Florida Lodge, No. 1, no seal attached, and number of Past Grands not given.

Franklin Lodge, No. 2, Georgia, without seal, and report of relief.

Cape Fear Lodge, No. 2, North Carolina, without number of Past Grands and no report of relief.

Oglethorpe Lodge, No. 1, Georgia—correct.

Washington Lodge, No. 3, North Carolina, totally deficient.

Live Oak Lodge, No. 3, Georgia, no report of relief.

Far West Lodge, No. 1, Arkansas, no report of relief.

Milwaukie Lodge, No. 2, Wisconsin, defective in a variety of particulars.

Wilzey Encampment, No. 1, Mississippi; Wilzey Encampment, No. 1, Missouri; Ridgely Encampment, No. 1, Tennessee; Massasoit Encampment, No. 1, Massachusetts; Lebanon Encampment, No. 3, Illinois; Wilzey Encampment, No. 1, Louisiana; Marley Encampment, No. 2, District of Columbia; Wilzey Encampment, No. 2, Indiana; Columbia Encampment, No. 1, District of Columbia; Neilson Encampment, No. 2, Salem Encampment, No. 10, and Wilzey Encampment, No. 3, Virginia; Palmetto Encampment, No. 1, and Eutaw Encampment, No. 2, South Carolina—correct.

Campbell Encampment, No. 1, North Carolina, without seal.

Damascus Encampment, No. 9, Virginia, defective in tabular arrangement.

Your committee would beg leave to state, that they have encountered great difficulty in the performance of the duties assigned them, owing to the very irregular and imperfect manner in which the Grand and subordinate Lodges, and the Grand and subordinate Encampments have made their returns; and they would, therefore, recommend that the R. W. Grand Lodge adopt some measures which may ensure a more strict observance to the forms adopted by this Grand Lodge.

All which is respectfully submitted.

E. T. HILLYER,
WILLIAM G. WEBB,
R. W. SEYMOUR.

Rep. Kneass, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee of Correspondence, made the following report, which was read, and on motion of Rep. Seymour, of South Carolina, was made the special order of the day for tomorrow.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee of Correspondence, to whom has been referred so much of the report of the Grand Secretary as relates to the English and Home correspondence, respectfully ask leave to report:

By reference to the journal of the Grand Lodge of 1842, it will be seen that a resolution was reported by the Committee on Foreign Mission, and unanimously adopted, declaring "that until the Annual Moveable Committee shall restore the Work of the Order to its ancient form as known and used in the United States, or until the resolution passed at the Isle of Man Annual Moveable Committee, proposing to establish lodges in America, be rescinded, all intercourse shall cease between the two bodies."

This resolution, together with several copies of the journal of the proceedings generally, was forwarded by the Grand Secretary early after the

adjournment of the last session, to the Manchester Unity, but there has been no official acknowledgment of the official communication enclosing the same. Notice of the determination of this body, upon the subject having been thus timely given, sufficient opportunity has been afforded to the Manchester Unity to reconsider its previous resolves which introduced so much confusion in the Order by confounding the common language of the two hemispheres. But no such re-consideration has taken place. On the contrary, by a reference to the minutes of the Board of Directors at Manchester, on the 10th day of June, 1843, it will be seen that instead of resuming the position which the Annual Moveable Committee once held, it has pertinaciously adhered to the new one, and recommended the deputies then assembled, to empower the officers of the Order and Board of Directors to take such a course for the carrying out of the resolution of the Isle of Man and Wigan Annual Moveable Committee, on the subject of American Mission, "as to them may seem most prudent and advisable, with a due regard to the welfare and peace of the Order in England, viz: the opening of lodges in America." Whether there be sincerity in the declarations of our trans-atlantic brethren, it will be no difficult matter to determine, when this Grand Lodge shall hear of the events which have already been controlled by the Manchester Unity upon the American soil.

Representing as this Grand Lodge does the entire Independent Order of Odd Fellows in the United States, in its only true and legitimate form, your committee, influenced alike by an abiding desire to preserve the common weal of our extended brotherhood, and considerations of justice to, and respect for this ancient and venerable institution, are unanimously of opinion, after a full examination of the entire matter submitted to their deliberations, that the time has come when this Grand Lodge should forthwith sever the connection between itself and the Manchester Unity, and hold all such persons as adhere to or acknowledge a dependence upon the Manchester Unity, as enemies to the purity, the peace, the integrity, and the advancement of Odd Fellowship, and strangers to its principles and purposes.

They therefore submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That all connection between the Manchester Unity and this Grand Lodge, be and hereby is forthwith severed, and that to this Grand Lodge belongs the exclusive authority to erect lodges and Encampments of Odd Fellows, upon any part or section of the globe.

In reference to the Home correspondence, your committee beg leave to say that every subject therein referred to has already received or will be enabled to receive the consideration of this Grand Lodge, so soon as the various committees shall report.

HORN R. KNEASS,
TALIAFERRO P. SHAFFNER,
WILLIAM S. STEWART.

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding Secretary be instructed to forward to each Grand and subordinate Lodge and Encampment, working under a charter from this Grand Lodge, a copy of the foregoing resolution.

Rep. Skinner, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which, on motion, was accepted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Wm. D. Craft, of New York, beg leave to report: That the same is informal, it being presented without consent of the Grand Lodge of the state of New York, and do therefore recommend its return to the source from which it emanated.

SMITH SKINNER,
SAMUEL LUCAS,
A. B. COLEMAN.

Rep. Skinner, of Pennsylvania, from the same committee, made the following report and accompanying resolution, which was read, when Rep. Hurlbut, of South Carolina, moved to re-commit the report to the committee with instructions to make a definite report upon the subject, which was decided in the affirmative.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The committee to whom was referred the appeal from the decision of the Grand Lodge of the state of Connecticut, beg leave to report :

That they have examined the subject, and feeling satisfied that the Grand Lodge of that state is the proper tribunal before whom this matter should be settled, particularly as it possesses the power of doing all such acts as are promotive of the interests of the Order, or that appertain to it by ancient usages and customs, beg leave to offer the following resolutions, which are respectfully submitted.

SMITH SKINNER,
A. B. COLEMAN.

Resolved, That the decision of the Grand Lodge of the state of Connecticut, in the case of Middlesex and Charter Oak Lodges, in that state, is insufficient—that said Grand Lodge is the supreme tribunal of the Order in its jurisdiction, and is bound to act accordingly, and promptly decide upon the true merits of the case.

Resolved, That it is the duty of the Grand Lodge of the state of Connecticut, to reconsider the subject, and that it be requested to decide the question at issue.

Rep. Hurlbut, of South Carolina, from the committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Sire's report relative to Numerical Registry, submitted the following report and resolutions, which were read and adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The special committee to whom was referred the subject of the Numerical Registry, have considered the same, and beg leave to report :

That the suggestions contained in P. G. Sire Kennedy's report, fully meet their approbation, and they are of opinion that the object can be achieved without producing any confusion, and with very little delay and inconvenience. In all cases where dispensations have been granted by the Grand Lodge of the United States, the records of this body will show the true date of organization. In all other cases, the records of the state Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments will furnish the necessary information. It may be that some of the elder lodges, prior to the erection of this Grand

Lodge, are not recorded, either in our books or those of the state Grand Lodges under whom they now work. In such cases, it will be necessary for the Grand Secretary of the state Grand Lodge to derive his information from the archives of the lodges themselves.

The committee propose that every lodge and Encampment shall be numbered by the Grand Corresponding Secretary, according to the strict principles of seniority, upon the reports to be furnished by the Grand Secretaries and Grand Scribes of the different Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, and upon the records in his own office; that he shall obtain and keep two books of registry in his office, one for Encampments and one for lodges, in which all future lodges and Encampments shall be entered and numbered.

That the Grand Secretaries of the Grand Lodges, and Grand Scribes of Grand Encampments, be directed to ascertain and report, under revision of their several Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments—the date of institution of each and every lodge and Encampment under their jurisdiction—the date of the surrender of their charters to the state Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, and of the grant of others—suspensions, expulsions, and re-instatements, if any, and the date of such—and that the said reports be handed in to the Grand Corresponding Secretary at least three months before the next communication of this body.

The committee earnestly invite the co-operation of the Grand Representatives in pressing this matter upon their respective constituency, and conclude by offering the following resolutions.

Respectfully submitted.

S. A. HURLBUT,
A. HEYER BROWN,
JAMES EARNEST.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretaries and Grand Scribes, of the several Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, be requested under revision of their Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, to make out accurate lists of the names and dates of the institution of every lodge and Encampment under their jurisdiction; to report the dates at which they came under the jurisdiction of the state Grand Encampments and Grand Lodges—the date of suspensions, expulsions and re-instatements—and to submit the same to the Grand Corresponding Secretary, at least three months previous to the next Annual Communication.

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding Secretary be directed to procure two appropriate books, to be kept as Registers—one for the lodges, and the other for the Encampments, under their jurisdiction. That he cause all the lodges and Encampments in communion with this Grand Lodge, to be entered and registered in said books—numbering each of them according to seniority, as the same shall appear from the reports above required, and from the documents in his office.

Resolved, That hereafter, in all cases of grant of charter or dispensation, by the Grand Lodges or Grand Encampments—they shall immediately report the same to the Grand Corresponding Secretary, who shall enter the same in the general register, with its proper number, which shall be immediately communicated to the state Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, to be inserted in the charter, in addition to its state number—as G. R.—. And that as soon as the appropriate numbers of lodges or Encampments now in existence, shall be declared, they shall in like manner be added to the respective charters.

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding Secretary, be directed to communicate the above to the several Grand Lodges and Encampments.

Rep. Stokes, of Pennsylvania, from the committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Corresponding Secretary's report relative to the sub-

stitution of warrants, submitted the following report and resolution, which was accepted, and the resolution adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The special committee appointed on that part of the Grand Corresponding Secretary's report, which relates to the substitution of warrants in place of charters, beg leave to report by resolution.

Resolved, That the Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire, and Grand Secretary, be authorized to prepare a form of warrant, to be issued in place of the charters now in use after the approval of the Grand Lodge is obtained, upon the dispensation issued during the recess of this Grand Lodge.

JOHN W. STOKES,
GEORGE I. DICKS,
ROBERT B. McDONNELL.

The Grand Sire presented the subjoined communication from P. G. Sir Kennedy, which, on motion of Rep. Marshall, of Kentucky, was ordered to be spread upon the journal.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

In compliance to the resolution of yesterday, the undersigned would respectfully submit, that the annual P. W. is provided by Article XIV, of the By-Laws, to be forwarded to the several states, "through the Grand Representatives at each session of the Grand Lodge"—that when no Representatives have been present from a state entitled thereto, or in case where lodges and Encampments were acting directly under the Grand Lodge, such means for communication has been used as was most likely to ensure safety. The undersigned, while in the discharge of the duties of Grand Sire, deemed such safety best secured by making the D. D. Grand Sires, so far as could possibly be done, the medium of such communication. He had at the last session nominated a distinguished brother of Tennessee, as D. D. Grand Sire over that district, and had repeatedly and urgently requested the brother to qualify with the appropriate degree. His failing to do so prevented his commission from being issued, and in like manner delayed the communication from being made. While the expectation remained that the brother would eventually comply, no other means was sought.

After having delayed as long as propriety justified, the P. W. was communicated through the Grand Secretary of Tennessee.

On the other branch of inquiry, it might only be necessary to remind the Grand Lodge, that the preparation of documents is solely under the care of the Grand Recording Secretary; but in this case a perfect recollection is had that the charter was signed, and arrangements made for transmitting it by the Grand Representative of Missouri, who engaged to have it safely delivered in Nashville.

Very respectfully,

JOHN A. KENNEDY, P. G. Sir.

The Grand Secretary presented the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New York, which was referred to the Committee on Returns.

Rep. Kneass, of Pennsylvania, submitted the following resolution, which was read.

Resolved, As the opinion of this Grand Lodge, that no brother can represent a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment in this Grand Lodge, unless he resides in the state, district or territory, where the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, of which he offers himself as a Representative, is located.

The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS—Rep's Hersey, Palmer, 2 votes; Vn Sickell, Harris, Hillyer, Stokes; Kneass, Skinner, McDonnell; Marley, 2 votes; Neilson, Webb, Segar, Campbell, Hurlbut, Seymour, Dicks, Kezer, Marshall, Shaffner, Stewart, Coleman, and Sherlock, 2 votes—26.

NAYS—Rep's Guild, Brown, Wilson, Treadwell, and P. G. Sires Wildey and Kennedy—6.

So the resolution was adopted.

Rep. Dicks, of Mississippi, asked and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until nine o'clock, to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, September 22d, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, the Officers and a due representation.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, from the Committee on the State of the Order, reported the following proposition as an amendment to the Standing Rules of Order, to be inserted immediately after the rule which provides for the appointment of the Standing Committees, which was read and adopted.

"The Grand Sire shall also appoint a committee, consisting of three members, whose duty it shall be to take in charge, and prepare for the action of the Grand Lodge, all business appertaining to state Grand Lodges or Grand Encampments which shall not be represented by the personal attendance of delegates."

Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, from the Committee on the State of the Order, by direction of that committee, answers an inquiry from the State of Massachusetts, by saying that the proper regalia of a member who has taken only the initiatory degree, is simply a plain white apron, without collar or any other badge of distinction, which was read and adopted.

Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, from the Committee on the State of the Order, reported the following By-Law, by direction of said committee, in compliance with the resolution of Rep. Treadwell, of New York, as recorded at page 522, of the printed proceedings: which was read and adopted.

"State Grand Lodges are prohibited from conferring the Grand Lodge degree for a pecuniary consideration, with a view to increasing their revenue, or for any other consideration, except the regular performance of the duties of the Noble Grand's chair; the said degree having been designed

as a reward for faithful service in the subordinate lodges, and cannot legitimately be reached by any other means."

Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, from the Committee on the State of the Order, reported the following By-Law, by direction of the said committee, which was read and adopted.

"State Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments are required to provide laws to protect their brethren in adjoining or distant states, by prohibiting the lodges under their jurisdiction from initiating persons at places remote from their permanent residence, while lodges and Encampments are known to be located in their immediate neighborhood."

Rep. Sanderson, of Maryland, moved to re-consider the vote by which the By-Law reported by the Committee on the State of the Order, providing for the conferring the Grand Lodge degree, was adopted, which was decided in the negative.

Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, from the Committee on the State of the Order, submitted the following report, which was concurred in.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, have had under consideration the resolution offered by Rep. Hurlbut, of South Carolina, and recorded at page 522, in the following words: "That no dispensation be granted for opening any lodge or Encampment, in any state where a lodge or Encampment already exists, without the recommendation of the nearest lodge or Encampment accompanying the application."

The committee are of opinion that, wise as a provision of the kind proposed might be in some cases, it would be inexpedient as a general rule. Such a regulation would divest this Grand Lodge of part of its power, in denying it the exclusive right of judging where and under what circumstances it would grant warrants for lodges to work under its immediate jurisdiction. Another objection equally strong applies to the proposition—and that is, it would be vesting too much power in the junior lodges and Encampments that might first obtain possession of a new district of country, a power very little short of that usually conveyed to Grand Lodges when originally instituted. For these reasons the committee deem the proposition inexpedient.

Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM W. MOORE,
RICHARD MARLEY,
ALBERT GUILD.

Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was read and adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order have considered so much of the Annual Report of the Grand Sire as relates to uniformity in the work of the Order, and in which reference is made to a prevailing anxiety amongst the members "for the personal visit of a proper officer of this Grand Lodge to impart instruction." The expression "proper officer," is somewhat ambiguous, and the committee are not certain that they cor-

rectly understand it. The By-Laws make it the duty of the Grand Sire to visit the lodges once a year, either in person or by deputy. The committee presume that the intimation is not directed towards that officer, but is meant probably to indicate the necessity of creating a new officer for this special purpose. Regarding it in this light, the committee would hesitate to recommend such an appointment. Arduous and multifarious as are the duties of the Grand Sire, it is very questionable whether an assistant of this kind would necessarily, as a matter of course, relieve him in any considerable degree. This would depend both on the capacity and disposition of the new officer. Evil might even grow out of a multiplicity of counsel. If the duties of each be not specifically defined, there is a possibility of their coming into conflict with each other; and if they be defined, then the responsibility of conducting affairs may be so divided, and the difficulty of finding out the legitimate source from which to obtain information so great, as to retard rather than advance our operations. Under the present system, the Grand Sire and Corresponding Secretary being both familiar with the laws and usages of the Order, all know to whom to apply for information; the chief officer, besides, has under his control, numerous District Deputies, to whom he can at all times communicate instructions. There is a possibility, therefore, of our getting along with some degree of uniformity with the additional aid which is afforded by the attendance of delegates from various states. This, the committee fear, could not be the case if we had more than one instructor, and especially if he should be a salaried and an elective officer, whose action would be independent of the Grand Sire. Such an appointment too, would have a tendency to lessen the dignity of our chief officer, and rather render the station one to be sought for the honors it conferred, than for the knowledge and experience to be acquired from a faithful discharge of its toilsome duties. Our Past Grand Sires, instead of becoming counsellors, on whose wisdom we could rely, would merely have served their routine of office by presiding here, and would probably vacate the chair without having added one particle of practical information to what they possessed at the time of assuming it. There is a probability, also, that we should gain nothing from greater stability in the officer, because it being essential to the interests of the Order that the elective term be short, there could be no reliance placed on a repeated re-election. Under these circumstances, and in view also of the fact that the difficulties which have been heretofore encountered in disseminating correct information at a distance, are becoming more and more lessened, in consequence of a general attendance of delegates from almost all parts of the country, who can here be properly instructed, and who in time can communicate instruction to their respective Grand Lodges, the committee think it inexpedient to enter upon the proposed experiment at the present time, and decline to report a proposition authorizing the appointment.

Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM W. MOORE,
ALBERT GUILD,
RICHARD MARLEY.

The Grand Lodge, on motion, proceeded to the consideration of the special order of the day, being the report and resolution submitted by the

Committee of Correspondence on Foreign Relations. The question being on the adoption of the same. The yeas and nays were required, and appeared as follows:

YEAS—Rep's Sherlock, 2 votes; Moore, McDonnell, Marley, Sanderson, Neilson, Webb, Segar, Campbell, Hurlbut, Seymour, Marshall, Shaffner, Stewart, Coleman, Guild, Hersey, Ellis, Palmer, Hinman, Brown, Wilson, Treadwell, Vn Sickell, Harris, Hillyer, Stokes, Kneass, Skinner, and P. G. Sires Wildey and Kennedy—32.

NAYS—0.

So the resolution was unanimously adopted.

P. G. Sire Kennedy submitted the following resolution, which was concurred in.

Resolved, That it be referred to Committee of Finance to report a suitable rate for the sale of installation books, and Grand Encampment books and lectures.

Rep. Hinman, of Connecticut, from the Committee on Petitions, submitted the following, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Petitions report: that they have examined the documents in relation to the institution of the following Encampment, and finding them to be in due form, they respectfully submit the following resolution.

ROBINSON S. HINMAN,
THOMAS SHERLOCK,
SYLVESTER VN SICKELL.

Resolved, That the dispensation to "Washington Encampment, No. 2," at Columbia, Tennessee, be confirmed, and that a charter be granted to the same.

Rep. Hillyer, of New Jersey, from the Committee on Returns, made the following report, which was adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Returns, to whom was referred the memorial of Widow's Friend Encampment, No. 5, of Virginia, report:

That they have carefully examined the matter referred to them, and find that some difficulties have occurred between Widows' Friend Encampment and the Grand Encampment of Virginia, held in the town of Portsmouth. From the protest it appears that Widows' Friend Encampment was opposed to the organization of the Grand Encampment, and preferred working under its own charter.

There was no evidence before the committee, that the Grand Encampment had any notice of the intention of this Encampment to memorialize this body, a requisite which the committee deem advisable to be pursued, in all cases of a similar character. The committee would, however, recommend that the whole matter be referred to the Grand Encampment of Virginia, with the request from this Grand Lodge, that it restore Widows' Friend Encampment to its proper functions as a subordinate to its jurisdiction, upon due submission being made by that body to its authority.

E. T. HILLYER,
R. W. SEYMOUR,
WILLIAM G. WEBB.

Rep. Coleman, of Indiana, from the Committee on Appeals, to whom had been re-committed their former report on the same subject, submitted the following report and resolution, which was concurred in.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The committee to whom was referred the appeal of Middlesex Lodge, No. 3, from the decision of the Grand Lodge of the state of Connecticut, beg leave to report :

That they have had the subject under consideration, and are of opinion that the act of Charter Oak Lodge, No. 2, was not in violation, either of the laws of the Grand Lodge of the state of Connecticut, or of the Grand Lodge of the United States, but in conformity with the usages and customs of the Order. And although the committee question the propriety of such usage, yet in the absence of law upon the subject, the right of said Charter Oak Lodge, No. 2, was in the opinion of the committee, unquestionable. They therefore offer for adoption the following resolution.

SMITH SKINNER,
A. B. COLEMAN.

Resolved, That Charter Oak Lodge, No. 2, had full power and authority to initiate S. M. Shaddick, C. H. Maiber, O. Utley, N. Booth, and T. Sage, residents of Middletown.

Rep. Seymour, of South Carolina, from the special committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Sire's report, relative to the D. D. Grand Sires, and to prepare a form of commission, made the following report, which was adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The special committee to whom was referred the reports of the D. D. Grand Sires, and the commission prepared for that office, beg leave to report :

That they have examined the returns made by those officers, and find them correct; that their duties (although arduous) have been performed with much zeal, industry and ability.

Your committee cannot refrain from expressing their decided approbation of this system, which has been so successfully carried out under the vigorous and enlightened administration of brother Kennedy, late Grand Sire of our Order. They, however, recommend that in addition to the duties now imposed upon that office, that it should be their duty to examine all reports from subordinate lodges and Encampments, and to have them correct, as far as it is practicable, before they are forwarded to the proper officers.

The committee also recommend the adoption of the commission for D. D. Grand Sire, prepared during the recess, and which is herewith submitted.

R. W. SEYMOUR,
ALBERT GUILD.

The Grand Sire presented the appeal of Travellers' Rest Lodge, of Missouri, against the decision of the Grand Lodge, made without its assent,
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which, on motion of Rep. Kneass, of Pennsylvania, was not received, not being in conformity with the Constitution of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Seymour, of South Carolina, offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee of Finance.

Resolved, That in consequence of the increased labor and the arduous duties of the Grand Secretary, his salary be increased to \$500.

Rep. Kneass, of Pennsylvania, offered the following, which were adopted.

Resolved, That the establishment of an order or law to operate throughout the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, by which travelling brothers who may be taken sick or disabled, may be able to draw their weekly benefits from the lodge or lodges nearest them, upon the exhibition of a fair and proper card attesting the good standing of the brother from the lodge to which he may be attached, and that such lodge or lodges granting such relief, may draw on the lodge to which the brother is attached, for the amount so expended, is a desirable improvement in Odd Fellowship.

Resolved, That the above be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order, to report at the next session of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Wilson, of New York, offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order, be, and are hereby directed to take into consideration and report to this Grand Lodge, as to the propriety of establishing a signal, by which members of the Order may recognize one another in distress at sea.

Rep. Kneass, of Pennsylvania, seconded by Rep. Ellis, of Connecticut, offered the following amendment to the Constitution, which was ordered to lie on the table.

That so much of Article XI, of the Constitution, requiring this Grand Lodge to meet on the "third Monday in September," annually, be so changed as to read on the "first Monday in August," and that corresponding amendments be made in Articles III, and VII.

Rep. Kneass, of Pennsylvania, seconded by Rep. Marshall, of Kentucky, offered the following amendment to the Constitution, which was ordered to lie on the table.

"No brother shall represent a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment in this Grand Lodge, unless he reside in the state, district, or territory where the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, of which he offers himself as a Representative, is located."

Rep. Marshall, of Kentucky, offered the following amendment to the By-Laws.

That "five" be substituted in lieu of "two," in the first line of Article IV, of the By-Laws, which being under consideration, Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, moved to strike out the word "five" and insert "three" in the proposed amendment, which was decided in the affirmative, and the amendment as amended, was adopted.

Rep. Hersey, of Massachusetts, seconded by Rep. Marshall, of Kentucky, offered the following amendment to the Constitution, which was ordered to lie on the table.

Amendment to Article XV, of the Constitution, first line strike out the word "majority," and insert the words "one-fifth."

Rep. Shaffner, of Kentucky, seconded by Rep. Wilson, of New York, offered the following amendment to the Constitution, which was ordered to lie on the table.

That Article XV, of the Constitution be so amended as to read as follows, viz: "A representation from at least ten Grand Lodges or Encampments shall be necessary to form a quorum for the transaction of business."

Rep. Skinner, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Appeals, submitted the following, which was adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee to whom was referred the appeal of James D. McCabe and others, from the decision of the Grand Lodge of the state of Virginia, beg leave to report: That they have had the subject under consideration, and are of the opinion, that the decision of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, relative to the eligibility of honorary members to office in the Grand Lodge of that state, was in conformity with their Constitution.

The General Laws of the Grand Lodge of Virginia recognize the right of honorary membership in the subordinate lodges, but in the opinion of the committee, said honorary members are not constitutionally eligible to office in said Grand Lodge.

They therefore beg leave to offer the following resolution.

SMITH SKINNER,
A. B. COLEMAN.

Resolved, That the decision of G. M. Webb, of Virginia, in declaring D. G. M. Hyde, ineligible to office in the Grand Lodge of Virginia, be confirmed.

Rep. Marshall of Kentucky, from the Committee of Finance, made the following report, which was accepted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee of Finance, to whom was referred the subject of affixing a price to be charged for Encampment and Installation books, respectfully recommend the passage of the following resolutions.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN G. TREADWELL,
THOMAS SHERLOCK,
A. K. MARSHALL

Resolved, That the price of installation books for subordinate lodges, be and is hereby fixed at fifty cents each.

Resolved, That the price of Grand Encampment books and cards for past degrees, be and is hereby fixed at two dollars per set, and that a set shall consist of two books and two cards of each degree.

The question being on the first resolution, Rep. Stokes, of Pennsylvania, moved to strike out the words "fifty cents," and insert "twenty-five cents" which was determined in the negative.

The question was then taken on the first resolution, and adopted.

The second resolution was then considered, and adopted as reported.

Rep's Kneass, of Pennsylvania, Ellis, Hinman, and Palmer, of Connecticut, and Hersey, of Massachusetts, asked and obtained leave of absence after this day.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until four o'clock, this afternoon.

FRIDAY, 4 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, the Officers, and a due representation.

The reading of the journal was dispensed with.

Rep. Hillyer, of New Jersey, from the Committee on Returns, submitted the following report and accompanying resolution.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Returns, to whom was referred the Constitutions and By-Laws of Ridgely Encampment, No. 1, Nashville, Tennessee; Campbell Encampment, No. 1, Wilmington, North Carolina; R. W. Grand Lodge of the state of Alabama, and the Constitution and General Laws of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Tennessee, have examined said Constitutions and By-Laws, and believe them to be conformable to the regulations of this Grand Lodge, and would therefore recommend the passage of the following resolution.

E. T. HILLYER,
R. W. SEYMOUR,
WILLIAM G. WEBB

Resolved, That the Constitution and By-Laws adopted by Ridgely Encampment, No. 1, of Tennessee; Campbell Encampment, No. 1, of North Carolina, R. W. Grand Lodge of Alabama, and the Constitution and General Laws adopted by the R. W. Grand Lodge of Tennessee, be approved and ratified by this Grand Lodge.

The resolution being under consideration, on motion of Rep. Kest, of Tennessee, so much of the said resolution as relates to Ridgely Encampment, was ordered to lie on the table. The residue was adopted.

Rep. Marshall, of Kentucky, from the Committee of Finance, made the following report, which was adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee of Finance respectfully report: That they have learned with regret, that the Grand Lodges of New Jersey and New York have printed an edition of Installation books for subordinate lodges, without authority from this body. There cannot be a doubt in the minds of the Representatives of the impropriety of a state Grand Lodge or Encampment printing any portion of the work whatever, besides it certainly takes from the proper head a portion of their revenue; with this view, the committee consider that it comes under their immediate jurisdiction, and would therefore submit the following for adoption.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN G. TREADWELL,
THOMAS SHERLOCK
A. K. MARSHALL

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge cannot recognize the right of any state Grand Lodge or Encampment, to print any portion of the work whatever.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodges of the states of New York and New Jersey, and by certificate under seal of said Grand Lodges, make return to the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge, of the number of copies of the books of installation printed by them, with twenty-five cents for each copy so printed, and that such return be made within four months from the close of the present session of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Hinman, of Connecticut, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, with accompanying resolution.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Petitions have had under consideration the application for an Encampment at Nashville, Tennessee, and find the same in due form, and that a dispensation has been issued and the Encampment opened. We therefore recommend the passage of the following resolution.

Respectfully submitted.

ROBINSON S. HINMAN,
THOMAS SHERLOCK.

Resolved, That the dispensation issued to Ridgely Encampment, No. 1, located at Nashville, Tennessee, be confirmed, and a charter granted.

Rep. Kezer, of Tennessee, moved as a substitute for the report of the committee, the following resolution, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Resolved, That the Grand Sire be authorized to institute a special commission from a neighboring district, whose duty shall be to examine into the true history and condition of the Patriarchal Order in that section, and report to the Grand Sire, whose decision thereon shall be final.

The question recurring on the report and resolution submitted by the committee, the yeas and nays were required, and appeared as follows :

YEAS—Rep's Guild, 2 votes ; Hinman, Brown, Wilson, Treadwell, McDonnell, Marley, Sanderson, Neilson, Moore, Sagar, Campbell, Hurlbut, Seymour, Shaffner, Coleman, Sherlock, 2 votes ; and P. G. Sires Willey and Kennedy—21.

NAYS—Rep's Ellis, 2 votes ; Van Sickell, Harris, Stokes, 2 votes ; Skinner, Webb, Kezer, Marshall—10.

So the report of the committee was concurred in, and the resolution adopted.

Rep. Coleman, of Indiana, seconded by Rep. Hinman, of Connecticut, offered the following amendment to the Constitution, which was ordered to lie on the table.

That Article X, of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be so amended as to insert after the words "they represent," "and regular contributing members of a subordinate lodge in the state, and residents of the same."

Rep. Seymour, of South Carolina, offered the following, which was adopted.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, the system of honorary membership as provided for in some of the By-Laws, for the government of the subordinate lodges, is inconsistent with the nature and true interest of the Order, and should be abolished.

Rep. Sanderson, of Maryland, offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That all state Grand Lodges whose charters admit of proxy representation, be, and they are hereby directed so to amend their constitutions, as to prohibit the admission of proxies to a seat in their Grand Lodges, as members thereof.

Rep. Stokes, of Pennsylvania, moved the indefinite postponement of the subject, which was decided in the negative.

The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows .

YEAS—Rep's Guild, 2 votes; Ellis, Palmer, Hinman, Marley, Sanderson, Neilson, Marshall, Coleman, and P. G. Sire Wildey—11.

NAYS—Rep's Wilson, 2 votes; Treadwell, Vn Sickell, Harris, Stokes, Kneass, Skinner, McDonnell, Moore, Webb, Segar, Campbell, Hurlbut, Seymour, Kezer, Shaffner, Stewart, Sherlock, 2 votes; and P. G. Sire Kennedy—21.

So the resolution was decided in the negative.

Rep. Marley, of Maryland, from the committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Corresponding Secretary's report, relative to the presentation of valuable documents by P. G. Sire Wildey, made the following report, which was read and adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The committee to whom was referred the presenting of valuable documents by P. G. Sire Wildey, report:

That the said documents are now in the archives of the Grand Lodge, a list of which is in the possession of the Grand Secretary, they therefore recommend that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to P. G. Sire Wildey for so valuable a present.

RICHARD MARLEY,
HENRY S. SANDERSON,
ROBERT NEILSON.

Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, seconded by Rep. Hinman, of Connecticut, submitted the following as an additional Article of the Constitution, which lies over till the next Annual Session.

"In all cases where, on account of misunderstanding or any other cause, a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall deem it necessary to expel an entire subordinate lodge or Encampment, the business of such lodge or Encampment shall be thereupon suspended, and all its working implements properly secured in the same manner as is now provided for; but the penalty shall not be carried into full effect until the act of expulsion be confirmed by the Grand Lodge of the United States, before which body the subject must be brought, and be by it determined at its first regular session thereafter, provided sufficient time intervenes after the vote of expulsion, to enable the Representative of the state Grand Lodge or Encampment to reach the place of meeting of the Grand Lodge of the United States."

Rep. Stokes, of Pennsylvania, offered the following, which was adopted.

Resolved, That a blank diploma to be signed by the R. W. Grand Officers, be awarded to each Grand Representative and Grand Officer of this Grand Lodge, who has not already received such certificate, the same to be filled according to the form prescribed on page 311, of the printed journal of 1840, at the expense of the holder thereof.

Rep. Vn Sickell, of New Jersey, offered the following amendment to the Constitution:

"Article —. That in all elections for Grand Officers of this Grand Lodge, the vote shall be taken *viva voce*, and record made of the vote of each member in the printed journal."

Rep. Hillyer, of New Jersey, asked and obtained leave of absence.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until this evening, at eight o'clock.

FRIDAY, 8 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment: Present, the Officers and a due representation.

The reading of the journals was, on motion, dispensed with.

Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, from the Committee on the State of the Order, reported by direction of that committee, that it is impracticable to adopt a "sea-signal" for the Order of Odd Fellowship, which would serve any good purpose, either for the institution or its members, which was adopted.

Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, from the Committee on the State of the Order, reported the following By-Law, by direction of said committee, which was read and adopted.

"Past Officers of every description, and members in possession of the Encampment degrees, and all other members of the Order, when visiting Grand or subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction, are entitled to wear the regalia and jewels pertaining to the highest degrees which they may have taken, if they think proper to appear in such regalia."

Rep. Brown, of New York, offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted.

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay the necessary expenses that may be incurred in filling up the Diplomas granted to P. C. P. Henry Lefman, P. G. Frederick Goll, Jr., and P. G. James Gavey, Jr.

The Grand Sire announced the appointment of the following District Deputy Grand Sires for the several Districts named, to serve for one year from 1st January next, viz:

For Maine,	P. D. G. M. GEORGE W. CHURCHILL.
" Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New Hampshire,	} P. G. Sec. ALBERT GUILD.
" Delaware,	P. G. Sire ZENAS B. GLAZIER.
" District of Columbia,	P. G. M. WILLIAM W. MOORE.
" North Carolina,	P. G. M. JOHN CAMPBELL.
" Georgia and Florida,	P. G. M. ALBERT CASE.
" Alabama,	G. M. EZEKIEL SALOMON.
" Louisiana,	P. G. M. A. MONDELLI.
" Mississippi and Arkansas,	P. G. M. GEORGE I. DICKS.
" Missouri and South Illinois,	P. G. M. WILLIAM S. STEWART.
" North Illinois and Wisconsin,	P. G. M. JOHN G. POTTS.
" Indiana,	P. G. A. B. COLEMAN.
" Texas,	P. G. M. J. DeCORDOVA.

Rep. Kneass, of Pennsylvania, offered the following, which was adopted.

That Article XXIX, of the By-Laws be amended by adding to it the following words, "but not on the day they are offered."

Rep. Stokes, of Pennsylvania, offered the following resolution, which was read and rejected:

Resolved, That any patriarch having had the past official degrees duly conferred on him, or came in possession of them in the Grand Lodge of the United States, although he may not have passed the various chairs to which they refer, shall be entitled to visit the Encampments when open in those degrees.

Rep. McDonnell, of Delaware, seconded by Rep. Hinman, of Connecticut, offered the following amendment to the Constitution, which was ordered to lie on the table.

"One third of the Representatives of the state Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business."

"All questions shall be decided by a majority of the votes given, except such as are especially provided for by this Constitution."

Rep. Coleman, of Indiana, moved that the Grand Lodge do now adjourn, which was decided in the negative.

Rep. Marley, of Maryland, offered the following resolution, which was indefinitely postponed.

Resolved, That all Grand Lodges under this jurisdiction who admit proxies from their subordinate lodges, shall not allow any proxy so appointed to have more than one vote, or hold more than one proxy.

Rep. Hinman, of Connecticut, called up the report of the Committee on Returns, heretofore laid on the table, so far as relates to the approval of the Constitution of Ridgely Encampment of Tennessee, which was read and adopted.

Rep. Moore, of District of Columbia, asked and obtained leave of absence.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning, at nine o'clock.

SATURDAY, September 23d, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, the Officers and a due representation.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The journal of proceedings was read and adopted.

Rep. Webb, of Virginia, asked and obtained leave of absence.

Rep. Guild, of Massachusetts, from the committee on deferred business of last session, made the following report, which was read and referred to the Committee of Finance.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee to whom was referred at last session, the subject of adjusting and allowing the claim of the Printer, of one hundred and sixty-eight dollars, for extra quality of paper, met in the city of New York in December last, and after a careful examination, unanimously concurred favorably to the claim. The following resolution is submitted.

ALBERT GUILD.

Resolved, That the claim of extra charge for paper of one dollar per ream, be and is hereby allowed.

Rep. Stokes, of Pennsylvania, presented the Constitution of Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and Rep. Stewart, of Missouri, the Constitution of Grand Lodge of Missouri, which were referred to the Committee on Returns.

Rep. Seymour, of South Carolina, from the Committee on Returns, made the following report, which was read and adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on Returns, to whom was referred the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and the Constitution and General Laws of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, beg leave to report :

That they have examined the same, and see no provision in them, contrary to the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Lodge, and recommend their approval.

R. W. SEYMOUR,
WILLIAM G. WEBB.

Rep. Hurlbut, of South Carolina, from the Committee on the Official Magazine, made the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the Official Magazine, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Sire's and Grand Secretary's reports as relates thereto, have considered the same, and beg leave to report—

That from the loose and inaccurate manner in which the accounts of the Magazine have been kept, they have experienced great difficulty in coming to any conclusion upon the subject of its financial condition. No regular account current of receipts and expenditures has been furnished your committee, and they are informed that none has been kept. The General Agent produces a subscription book, in which appear credits to such subscribers as have paid. The printer produces his account current of receipts from various sources, and his charges.

This bill may seem more properly to belong to the Finance Committee, but has been handed in to this committee, to aid them in forming a judgment. And now your committee can only give an approximation to the truth.

The balance against the Covenant at the last session was \$925 12, which with the interest, appears below as due Thomas Wildey, Agent.

For this year, 1843, the debts are—

Appropriation to Editor for 1842,	-	-	-	\$1000 00	
Deduct paid at last session,	-	-	-	100 00	900 00
Appropriation to Editor for 1843,	-	-	-	-	1000 00
Due former Agent, T. Wildey,	-	-	-	-	1046 03
Due Printer, R. Neilson,	-	-	-	-	1434 60
Special loan under resolution 1842,	-	-	-	-	1000 00
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					\$5380 63
*Deduct cash paid Printer,	-	-	-	\$400	
*To J. L. Ridgely	-	-	-	400	
* " I. D. Williamson	-	-	-	200	
Drawn from Treasury	-	-	-	200	
Received by the Secretary from the Agent	-	-	-	32	1232 00
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					\$4148 63

* These items show the application of the \$1000 loan.

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Thus the above statement shows that the whole amount of charges against the Official Magazine at this date, without deductions, is \$4145 51.

Now, to meet this amount, which must be met, or this Grand Lodge dishonored, what are the resources of the Covenant itself?

From the report of T. Wildey, General Agent, it appears that there was outstanding and due on the 21st September, 1842, the sum of

\$4556 75

From the report of W. Curtis, present Agent, the sum of

2456 00

Making in all

\$7012 75

Let us allow for perfect security one-half of the debts of 1842, and one-third of the debts of 1843, be considered bad, and there results a fund to be relied on of \$3930 59.

Thus it appears that the debts exceed the means to be relied on, \$25 61.

If, as it seems to your committee, that the charges of the Printer be reduced to a proper standard, there will be no deficit at all. His contract is for \$204 per No. for 3000 copies—but he charges in his bill at the rate of \$225, which makes an addition of \$21 per number, making for the year the sum of \$252.

The question of the continuance or discontinuance of the Official Magazine, is one of grave importance to the Order, and requiring serious deliberation.

The arguments on either side are strong. For the continuance is the analogy of all bodies of a similar nature—the advantage of an authentic periodical to which all members of the Order may refer as decisive exposition of our principles, practice, and the decisions of our highest tribunal. It will tend to confirm uniformity, to repress sectional and party feelings, and will be very unlikely to provoke prejudice and ill-will by hasty and ill-tempered discussion.

On the other side it is argued, that an enterprise of this kind, conducted by a corporation, can never compete with private spirit and the desire of private pecuniary gain.

It is true that individual interest will ever be more keenly alive to the prosecution of its own advantage—that the services of an agent are never so fully rendered to a large body as when under the eye of a single proprietor.

Had the Covenant been private property, your committee are sensible that it would have been valuable. To effect this end, your committee would desire to see a system provided which would include the advantages both of the public authority and private activity.

Your committee are deliberately of opinion, upon serious and careful deliberation, that this can be done. They therefore propose that the Editor of the Official Magazine be appointed General Agent, with full power to collect the sums due, in any manner that may seem good to him, with direct and immediate responsibility upon him for all moneys received by him and disbursements made: and that he shall be allowed 25 per cent. on all outstanding debts, and 20 per cent. on all new subscriptions, and shall include all expenses of sub-agents. That he be directed to exercise accurate scrutiny over the expenses of publication, and see that they are strictly kept within the contract.

And your committee are of opinion, that even with its present list of subscribers, (over 1100,) the work can be sustained, and as soon as the system proposed goes into operation, that it will be a source of revenue. They therefore submit the following resolutions.

S. A. HURLBUT,
WILLIAM W. MOORE,
ABRAHAM D. WILSON.

Resolved, That it is for the interest of the Order, that the Official Magazine be sustained.

Resolved, That the Editor of the Official Magazine, be constituted General Agent of the same—that he shall make out and keep a full list of all subscribers, and accurate accounts of the expenses and receipts of the work—that he shall receive 25 per cent. on all outstanding debts collected by him, and 20 per cent. on all new subscriptions, which shall include all expense of collection—and shall be authorized to use his discretion in the mode of collection, being directly responsible to this Grand Lodge, for the faithful application of such funds as come into his hands. And that the said Editor shall have control of the printing in conformity with the contract already entered into.

The question being upon the passage of the resolutions, the yeas and nays were required, and appeared as follows :

YEAS—Rep's Guild, 2 votes ; Brown, Wilson, Treadwell, McDonnell, Marley, Sanderson, Neilson, Segar, Campbell, Hurlbut, Seymour, Kezer, Marshall, Shaffner, Stewart, Coleman, Sherlock, 2 votes ; and P. G. Sires Wildey and Kennedy—22.

NAYS—Rep's Vn Sickell, Harris, Stokes, 2 votes ; Skinner, Webb—6.
So the report and resolutions were adopted.

Rep. Segar, of Virginia, moved to re-consider the vote by which the charter to Ridgely Encampment, No. 1, of Tennessee, was granted.

The Chair decided the motion to be out of order, the charter having been already granted, could not be the subject of consideration unless for cause of abuse.

Rep. Stokes, of Pennsylvania, offered the following, which was read and adopted.

Resolved, That the late General Agents, Wildey and Curtis, receive 5 per cent. on the amount of their actual subscription lists, in full compensation for their services.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until half past one o'clock, this afternoon.

SATURDAY, 14 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment: Present, the Grand Officers and a due representation.

The reading of the journal was dispensed with.

Rep. Treadwell, of New York, from the Committee of Finance, submitted the following report and resolutions, which were read, considered *seriatim*, and consecutively adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee of Finance have examined the books, vouchers, and other documents submitted to them, and respectfully report the following

to be the condition of the funds of the Grand Lodge, as will more fully appear in the body of this report, viz:

Cash on hand, in current funds, September, 1842, - \$138 67
 Cash on hand, in uncurrent do. " " - 264 50—\$403 17

Receipts since that time.

Grand Lodges, annual tax, - - -	\$600 00
Grand Encampments, annual tax, - - -	120 00
Grand Encampments, charter fees, - - -	120 00
Subordinate Encampments, charter fees, - - -	360 00
Subordinate lodges, charter fees, - - -	300 00
Subordinate lodges, dues, - - -	653 25
Subordinate Encampments, dues, - - -	560 95
Books furnished, - - -	496 00
Diplomas sold, - - -	112 75—3322 95
English Mission, - - -	547 65
Official Magazine, - - -	12 50
Loan for Official Magazine, - - -	1000 00
Surplus unaccounted for at the present session, supposed to have been paid in and no receipt given, - - -	64 84
Surplus received by Grand Treasurer from Grand Secretary, and belonging to the latter officer, - - -	5 00
	<hr/> \$5357 11

Amounts paid by Grand Treasurer.

I. D. Williamson, on account of English mission, -	\$350 00
J. L. Ridgely, on account of English mission, -	488 00
Do. on acc't salary as Editor Official Magazine, -	800 00
R. Neilson, on account of printing do. do. -	800 00
J. L. Ridgely, bills of postage, - - -	101 46
J. A. Kennedy, postage and expenses as Grand Sire, -	48 25
Grand Lodge of Louisiana returned for amount overpaid in 1842, - - -	10 00
Grand Treasurer, discount on uncurrent funds, -	45 51
Grand Treasurer, salary 1842-3, - - -	50 00
J. Walker, binding bill, - - -	4 13—2697 35

Leaving balance in Treasurer's hands, - - - \$2659 76

Of which there is in Arkansas funds, unavailable at present, - 192 50

Balance of available funds, - - - \$2467 26

There has been paid by T. Wildey, late Agent of Official Magazine, to R. Neilson on account of printing, - \$548 82

Paid to same by Wm. Curtis, Agent O. Magazine, 356 21

Paid to James L. Ridgely by William Curtis, - 32 00—\$937 03

These amounts did not pass through the Treasurer's hands.

The payments made by Grand Treasurer during the recess, as reported herein, are sanctioned by your committee, being in due form of law.

Also, the payments named above, as being made by general Agents of Official Magazine, although your committee are of opinion that no pay

ments should be made in any case, except on orders of the proper officers of this Grand Lodge.

The following claims against the Grand Lodge have been presented to your committee, which have been examined and found to be correct.

Thomas Wildey, balance due him on account of Official Magazine, vol. 1, as certified by the special committee, appointed at September Session, 1842, \$1046 03

Robert Neilson, balance due him on settlement, September, 1842, including No. 1 to 9, of Official Magazine, 433 13
3000 copies Magazine, Nos. 10, 11, 12, vol. 1, \$225, 675 00
3000 do. do. Nos. 1 to 9 inclusive, of vol. 2, at \$225 per No., 2025 00

Printing notices of delay, &c., 6 50—3139 63

Same, 1000 copies Annual Proceedings, 1842, 136 p. 171 00

Extra charge on October No. of Magazine, 58 75

Do. do. November No. do. 154 68

Printing Installation and Encampment books, &c., 62 50—446 93

James I. Ridgely, salary as Editor of Official Magazine for the years 1842 and 1843, at \$1000 per annum, 2000 00

George Zahm, printing French work, as commuted by Grand Sire, by order of Grand Lodge, from \$112, 52 00

Do. printing new edition of same, per contract, 88 00—140 00

Furnishing Committee, furnishing Grand Secretary's office, 145 50

Thomas Wildey, rent of office for deposit of documents, 30 00

Isaac P. Cook, stationary, 20 13

J. E. Chamberlain, preparing charters, &c. 23 06

Grand Lodge of Maryland, travelling cards, 6 25

Grand Secretary, freight and packages per express, 5 82

H. Hopkins, travelling expenses as Grand Sire, session 1843, 25 00

Richard Brandt, " " G. Guardian, " " 25 00

Albert Case, " " G. Chaplain, " " 50 00

Wm. Curtis, " " G. Marshal, " " 20 00

I. D. Williamson, " " G. Chaplain, " 1842-3, 50 00

Marion Lodge, No. 34, New York, Loan for O. M. 1000

do. interest on same, 1 year to Nov. 1, 1843, 60—1060 00

I. D. Williamson, balance due him on account English Mission, 150 00

Wm. Curtis, balance due him as Agent Official Magazine, 59 76

Your committee recommend that the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be allowed five hundred dollars, for his services during the year, 1842-3, 500 00

J. E. Chamberlain, for services as Grand Messenger same period 20 00

\$8963 11

Of which R. Neilson has been paid on account, \$1705 03

J. L. Ridgely do do. O. M. 832 00—2537 03

Total indebtedness, 96426 08

There is on hand in cash available, 2467 26

Leaving to be provided for as funds are received, 39958 82

There is now due the Grand Lodge \$620 61, as per statement submitted.

Grand Encampments.

New York, for books,	\$25 00
Ohio, annual tax for 1843,	20 00
Kentucky, annual tax for 1842,	20 00
South Carolina, books \$12—annual tax for 1842, \$20,	32 00
New Jersey, annual tax for 1843,	20 00

Grand Lodges.

Maryland, books, &c.,	23 00
New York, do.	25 00
Delaware, do.	5 00
Louisiana, balance of old account, \$10—tax for 1843, \$20,	30 00
Ohio, books,	50 00
Tennessee, annual tax, 1841,	20 00
Texas, do. 1841, '42 and '43,	60 00
Kentucky, books,	20 00
Illinois, do.	12 00
Virginia, do.	24 00
South Carolina, books,	45 00
Massachusetts, do.	12 50

Subordinate Encampments.

Willey, No. 1, Louisiana, (and report of one term not yet received,)	6 62
Salem, No. 10, Virginia, do. do.	65
Lebanon, No. 3, Illinois,	22 80
Willey, No. 1, Mississippi,	10 80
Willey No. 1, Missouri, (and report of one term not yet received,)	31 00
Ridgely, No. 1, Tennessee,	1 06
Campbell, No. 1, North Carolina,	8 00

Subordinate Lodges.

Friendly Union, No. 1, Rhode Island, for books,	4 00
Iowa, No. 1, Wisconsin, (and reports of three quarters not yet in,)	19 65
Milwaukie, No. 2, Wisconsin,	18 80
Far West, No. 1, Ark., (and reports for 6 quarters not received,)	53 73

Total, \$620 61

To which is to be added the following, when returns are received.

Subordinate Encampments.

- Willey, No. 1, Louisiana, report for one term.
- Louisiana, No. 2, Louisiana, report since October, 1841.
- Abram, No. 1, Virginia, report since October, 1836, from which is to be deducted \$15 00, received on 24th January, 1841.
- Widows' Friend, No. 5, Virginia, report since March, 1841—from which is to be deducted \$16 40, credited that Encampment.
- Salem, No. 10, Virginia, report for one term.
- Jerusalem, No. 1, Indiana, report since organization in 1836.
- Willey, No. 1, Illinois, report since organization in 1838.
- Chosen Friends' No. 2, Illinois, report since organization in 1839.
- Vicksburg, No. 2, Mississippi, report since November, 1840.
- Willey, No. 1, Missouri, report for one term.
- Willey No 1, Wisconsin, report since organization in 1838.

Oriental, No. 2, Connecticut, report from September, 1842, to the time of which the Grand Encampment of Connecticut was instituted.
Mt. Ararat, No. 1, Alabama, report since 28th May, 1842.

Subordinate Lodges.

Far West, No. 1, Arkansas, reports for six quarters.

Iowa, No. 1, Wisconsin, reports for three quarters.

There are charges on the books against several agents for sale of diplomas, which it is necessary to close promptly, and your committee herewith submit a resolution for that object.

Your committee have made as full an examination of the books, &c., as it was in their power to do, and they believe that the statements they have made, will be found to be correct.

They have made an estimate of the probable receipts and expenses of this body for the ensuing year, and they are of the opinion that no extraordinary measures need be resorted to, to sustain the Grand Lodge.

There is a large quantity of books and diplomas on hand, which will doubtless produce a handsome revenue the ensuing year.

The new arrangement as to the Official Magazine will, your committee are confident, at least enable that branch to support itself.

Your committee refrain from making any further remarks, believing that the report will be found to be sufficiently plain, and they respectfully recommend the passage of the following resolutions, which embody their opinions upon the subjects alluded to.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN G. TREADWELL,
THOMAS SHERLOCK,
A. K. MARSHALL.

Resolved, That the following appropriations be, and are hereby made out of funds now in the Treasury, and the payments be immediately made.

Thomas Wilkey, on account of balance due him,	\$500 00
R. Neilson, printing (independent of Official Magazine,) - - -	446 93
I. D. Williamson, balance due him on English Mission, - - -	150 00
James L. Ridgely, salary as Secretary 1842-3, - - -	500 00
Do. on account of services as Editor O. M. - - -	300 00
J. E. Chamberlain, services as Grand Messenger, - - -	90 00
Do. Sundry Expenses, - - -	23 06
Marion Lodge, No. 34, interest on loan, - - -	60 00
H. Hopkins, Travelling expenses as Grand Sire, - - -	25 00
R. Brandt, do. do. Grand Guardian, - - -	25 00
Albert Case, do. do. Grand Chaplain, - - -	60 00
I. D. Williamson, do. do. Grand Chaplain, 1842-3, - - -	60 00
William Curtis, do. do. Grand Marshal, - - -	90 00
Do. due him as General Agent of Official Magazine, - - -	59 76
G. Zahm, printing first edition French work, - - -	52 00
Thomas Wilkey, rent of office. - - -	30 00

Resolved, That the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary be, and they are hereby authorized to give the notes of this Grand Lodge to Thomas Wilkey, for balance due him \$546 03, and to Robert Neilson, for balance due him \$1434 60—said notes to be at one year from date, bearing 6 per cent. interest, and in such amounts as may be desired by those creditors.

Resolved, That the proper officers be, and they are hereby directed, to pay Marion Lodge, No. 34, the semi-annual interest on the loan of \$1000, as it becomes due.

Resolved, That the proper officers be, and they are hereby directed, to pay the following bills in the order in which they are named, out of the first funds received in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

G. Zahm, printing second edition French Work,	\$ 88 00
Furnishing Committee,	145 00
Isaac P. Cook,	20 13
Grand Secretary, for freight, &c.	5 82
Grand Lodge of Maryland,	6 25
James L. Ridgely,	868 00

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay James L. Ridgely, six dollars, being funds erroneously paid in by him.

Resolved, That the sum of five hundred dollars be, and it is hereby appropriated for the payment of James L. Ridgely, as Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, for the year 1843-4, which may be paid quarterly out of any funds not otherwise appropriated.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby directed to forward bills to all Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, and all subordinate lodges and Encampments, indebted to this Grand Lodge, with an earnest request, that they immediately forward the amount.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby directed to forward imperative instructions to all subordinate lodges and Encampments, reported as having failed to forward reports, to furnish them without delay.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby directed to issue a circular, to all those who have been acting as agents for the sale of Diplomas, to close up their accounts without delay, transfer any remaining on hand, to their respective Grand Lodges or Encampments, taking receipts therefor, and forward a full statement to the Secretary's office.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby directed to furnish this Grand Lodge, in his annual report, with a full and detailed statement of his accounts, showing the amounts due to and by it—and a statement of all Grand and subordinate Lodges and Encampments, which may not have reported—said report to be made up to within two weeks of the Annual Session of this body.

Resolved, That no Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall be instituted, until the subordinates petitioning therefor shall have paid all arrearages to this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Grand Messenger (in addition to the duties prescribed by law) to take charge of and keep in order, the rooms, &c., occupied as the Grand Secretary's office, and that he shall be paid for his services forty dollars per annum, payable quarterly.

Rep. Hurlbut, of South Carolina, offered the following, which was read and adopted.

Resolved, That a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment is not entitled to representation until the warrant be confirmed—and therefore not liable to pay the representative quota, and that the dues accruing from the subordinate lodges and Encampments, in the jurisdiction of such Grand Lodge or Encampment, be required to be paid to this Grand Lodge until the warrant be confirmed.

Rep. Sherlock, of Ohio, moved that the Grand Treasurer be, and he is hereby required to execute a bond in the sum of \$4000, for the faithful performance of his trust.

Rep. Marshall, of Kentucky, offered the following resolution, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Resolved, That no state Grand Lodge or Encampment can work, until its charter be confirmed by this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Seymour, of South Carolina, offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be, and are hereby tendered to M. W. Grand Sire Hopkins, for the impartiality, courtesy and ability with which he has presided over the deliberations of this body during the present session.

After prayer from the Worthy Grand Chaplain, the Grand Lodge adjourned *sine die*.

JAMES L. RIDGELY,
Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

Dr.

GRAND LODGE of the United States in account with ANDREW E. WARNER, Grand Treasurer.

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1842.	Sept. 27,	To cash, J. L. Ridgely, English mission,	\$ 100 00	1842.	Sept. 18,	By cash on hand, current funds,	\$ 126 67
"	"	" I. D. Williamson, do,	100 00	"	"	" uncurrent funds,	266 50
Oct. 8,	"	postage of R. Neilson, G. Secy, p. 4,	6 63	"	27,	By cash from G. Secretary Ridgely,	12 00
Nov. 13,	"	do,	3 90	"	"	By 2 drafts on J. G. Treadwell, Eng. Mission,	200 00
" 19,	"	R. Neilson, per bill,	400 00	Nov. 21,	"	By cash from G. Secretary Ridgely, to date,	1201 76
" 21,	"	J. L. Ridgely, bill,	600 00	"	"	By draft of W. Curtis, Phil. fm. G. S. Ridgely,	95 00
Dec. 9,	"	postage by order of G. Secy,	17 34	1843.	Sept. 23,	By cash G. Secretary Ridgely, to date,	3440 19
" 9,	"	J. L. Ridgely, Eng. mission in part,	150 00	"	"		
" 15,	"	W. Bayley, order I. D. Williamson,	115 00				
1843. Jan. 11,	"	J. L. Ridgely, mission,	90 00				
" 25,	"	Union Lodge, order G. L. of La.	10 00				
" 30,	"	discount on uncurrent funds,	9 83				
Feb. 2,	"	I. D. Williamson, Eng. mission,	135 00				
March 9,	"	postage for Grand Secretary,	19 42				
June 1,	"	Robert Neilson, bill,	4 54				
July 24,	"	do	200 00				
Aug. 2,	"	collecting draft & uncurrent funds,	1 50				
" 3,	"	postage of G. Secy, G. S. Sign,	2 03				
" 8,	"	G. Secy. Ridgely, salary as Editor,	200 00				
" 9,	"	postage of Grand Secretary,	23 00				
" 14,	"	collecting draft on Washington,	0 56				
" 16,	"	J. L. Ridgely, English Mission	23 00				
" 18,	"	Robert Neilson,	200 00				
Sept. 19,	"	A. E. Warner, G. Treasurer, salary,	50 00				
" 19,	"	discount on uncurrent funds,	40 62				
" 30,	"	John A. Kennedy, bill,	48 25				
"	"	do,	24 61				
"	"	J. Walker, bill,	4 13				
"	"	W. Small, draft of J. L. Ridgely,	125 00				
"	"	Balance on hand, \$3659 76, of which					
"	"	\$192 50, is in Arkansas funds, and					
"	"	therefore unavailable.	2659 76				
			\$6357 12				\$6357 12

Annual Report of the Grand and Subordinate Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., for the year ending Sept., 1843.

LODGES.	Where held.	States.	No. of Lodges.	Initiations.	Suspensions.	Expulsions.	Test Grands.	P. G. M's.	Revenue of Subordinate Lodges.	Contributors Members.	No. of Bro's relieved.	No. of Wild. Bro's reliev'd.	No. of Bro's buried.	Amount paid for relief of Brothers.	Amount paid for relief of Widowed Families.	Amount paid for education of Orphans.	Amount paid for burying the dead.	Total amount of relief.
G. L. of Maryland,	Baltimore,	Md.	25	592	301	10	300	12	\$13,354 16	2,669	346	67	28	3,354 15	791 51	670 48	1,985 37	7,886 60
" Massachusetts,	Boston,	Mass.	14	1,117	49	4	60	1	13,075 75	1,439	50	...	4	1,364 18	50 00	...	93 23	7,497 51
" New York,	New York,	N. Y.	81	3,430	842	37	648	8	64,708 37	10,001	2,587	118	81	26,250 45	1848 69	3,007 00	93 23	31,045 84
" Pennsylvania,	Philadelphia,	Penn.	62	1,157	530	31	587	9	26,417 04	5,116	780	32	32	7,183 48	444 45	27 00	111 4	8,892 30
" District of Columbia,	Washington,	D. C.	9	159	44	7	144	7	3,941 08	719	188	18	4	1,842 67	215 00	91 86	138 27	2,573 69
" Delaware,	Wilmington,	Del.	6	74	...	...	...	...	905 14	120	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Ohio,	Cincinnati,	Ohio.	16	322	4	63	285	7	7,635 25	1,563	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,574 00
" New Orleans,	New Orleans,	La.	13	13	66	...	...	...	1,381 22	109	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	176 60
" New Jersey,	Trenton,	N. J.	15	725	23	5	94	6	10,773 60	1,631	66	3	9	1,650 01	38 00	35 40	141 75	1,909 16
" Kentucky,	Louisville,	Ky.	14	142	82	6	146	6	6,116 08	1,543	55	10	7	1,067 81	127 60	245 75	245 75	1,369 66
" Virginia,	Richmond,	Va.	24	250	319	34	113	6	...	1,540	187	37	4	1,821 55	105 35	156 66	822 05	2,688 94
" Indiana,	Madison,	Ind.	10	54	...	...	...	...	3,405 00	305	...	...	...	777 00	3 00	...	160 00	957 00
" Michigan,	Lansing,	Mich.	8	126	13	13	62	2	5,165 05	367	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	350 05
" Missouri,	St. Louis,	Mo.	6	59	44	1	66	2	2,984 78	345	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	631 00
" Illinois,	Springfield,	Ill.	5	34	2	41	17	1	1,007 10	199	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	555 00
" Connecticut,	New Haven,	Conn.	12	528	25	1	69	3	8,957 35	1,345	122	5	...	1,515 00	77 00	210 00	1,727 00	1,727 00
" Tennessee,	Nashville,	Tenn.	6	110	34	6	38	2	3,274 85	386	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	178 50
" Texas,	Houston,	Texas,	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	68	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" South Carolina,	Charleston,	S. C.	8	452	...	...	...	...	11,480 96	1,166	84	7	2	591 00	590 00	17 63	143 00	1,311 53
" Alabama,	Mobile,	Ala.	3	35	13	1	31	2	2,141 70	119	6	2	2	280 00	75 00	...	145 00	441 00
" North Carolina,	Wilmington,	N. C.	3	25	1	1	15	...	463 38	159	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Iowa,	Mineral Pt.,	W. T.	2	26	5	...	...	...	90 83	27	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Milwaukee,	Milwaukee,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	35	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Far West,	Little Rock,	Ark.	1	11	...	...	...	...	405 10	63	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Florida,	Jacksonville,	Fla.	...	...	...	...	...	...	457 37	41	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Kentucky,	Black Creek,	E. Flo.	2	23	19	2	...	...	78 37	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Ogethorpe,	Savannah,	...	...	82	...	...	...	...	1,381 00	113	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Franklin,	Live Oak,	Ga.	...	126	...	...	...	...	2,171 81	135	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	186 00
" Sylvan,	Savannah,	...	5	51	...	...	...	...	669 78	60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" United Brothers,	Milledgeville,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Friendly Union,	Providence,	R. I.	2	30	...	...	...	...	355 00	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Eagle,	Portland,	Me.	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Maine,	Saco,	N. H.	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Granite,	Nashua,	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Prince of Wales,	Montreal,	Canada	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			392	8748	3464	226	2977	52	\$19,1038 22	30,013	4407	306	154	\$48,637 47	\$5945 60	\$2903 50	\$7116 32	\$66,803 17

Suspensions and Expulsions from Lodges.

MARYLAND.

Suspensions.—No. 1, Robert Lambert; No. 4, John H. Steibel; No. 9, Wm. Ladd; No. 33, Moses Edwards; No. 6, Valentine Harwood; No. 2, Christian Kenegross; No. 32, Christian Mienachan; No. 31, C. H. Smith. *Improper conduct.*

Expulsions.—No. 1; Edward L. Sands, A. D. Hughes; No. 5, John Buckley, Reuben C. Chamberlain; No. 9, James B. Ware; No. 16, Charles Holm, Aaron Hartz, John Heigens; No. 20, George W. Veasy; No. 31, P. G. Jacob Hoover. *Conduct unbecoming Odd Fellows.*

MASSACHUSETTS.—Expulsions.—4, names not given.

NEW YORK.

Suspensions.—No. 10, John Mead; No. 11, James Morse; No. 13, Michael Seith; No. 14, Frederick Schweinebart; No. 20, William Lobb; No. 35, Robert Peterson; No. 36, John Cummerford; No. 39, W. P. Whaley, Alanson Crowell; No. 44, H. C. Minor; No. 45, A. H. Henry; No. 47, Chris. Brown; No. 51, W. O. Fisk; No. 52, P. Knoller, C. Hammel, C. Easles; No. 54, Coles McCown, Alb. T. Bush; No. 54, Edward Le Fort; No. 70, Henry A. Hatch. *Improper conduct.*

Expulsions.—No. 1, Alex. Jamieson; No. 9, Henry Bell; No. 10, John Shuttle, Isaac T. Valentine, Lewis Newman, John Hunter; No. 13, Nicholas Gange; No. 16, Christian Meyer, Daniel Langrat, Wm. Libberit; No. 21, Robert P. McLean, John Daniels; No. 23, John O'Brien, John Ashville; No. 25, W. G. Bungay; No. 26, Nicholas Dobbins, James Jordan, Philip Adams; No. 27, C. W. Andrews; No. 28, Wm. Dingle; No. 29, Andrew Follet, Jr., George Hall; No. 30, Wm. D. Craft; No. 32, Albert Blair, Norman G. Doolittle; No. 33, Nicholas Duff; No. 36, Israel Underhill; No. 38, Stephen I. Lewis, Robert I. Watson; No. 45, Edward Kinkhine; No. 51, A. W. Redding, Calvin S. Wadsworth; No. 52, George Fink; No. 56, Henry F. Johns; No. 58, William Searle; No. 59, Wm. W. Christian; No. 71, Robert H. Hall. *Conduct unbecoming Odd Fellows.*

PENNSYLVANIA.

Suspensions.—No. 7, William Walcapp; No. 8, William Greenhalgh, William Kedward; No. 45, Charles Jahm; No. 55, David Vanton. *Improper conduct.*

Expulsions.—No. 2, Charles B. Skidmore; No. 5, H. J. Stout, George W. Stackhouse; No. 13, James Waters, Augustus A. Tweeston; No. 18, William H. Levi-son, M. H. McEwen; No. 20, Michael Thompson, Edwin Watkins, B. Lees, John Cox, James Jones; No. 21, John Guher; No. 27, Robinson Kay; No. 57, Samuel Wilson; No. 64, A. Newille, J. A. Brooks; No. 65, J. Dunsmore; No. 68, W. S. Ruth; No. 72, Samuel Lowery; No. 76, Levi R. Nyer. *Conduct unbecoming Odd Fellows.*

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—Expulsions.—No. 1, John M. St. John, James C. Malbon, Andrew Reese; No. 11, Henson Brown, F. L. McElfresh, P. G. William H. McLane. *Conduct unbecoming Odd Fellows.*

OHIO.

Suspensions.—No. 2, 1; No. 3, 1; No. 5, 1; No. 9, 1; names not given. *Im- proper conduct.*

Expulsions.—No. 3, James Ishelby; No. 4, John M. Egbert; No. 6, W. B. Brown- ing, Phineas Phillips. *Conduct unbecoming Odd Fellows.*

NEW JERSEY.—Expulsions.—1, names or cause not given.

KENTUCKY.—Expulsions.—6, names not given. *Conduct unbecoming Odd Fel- lows.*

VIRGINIA.—Expulsions.—34, names or cause not given.

MISSISSIPPI.—Expulsions.—13, names or cause not given.

MISSOURI.—Expulsion.—1, name or cause not given.

ILLINOIS.—Expulsions.—11, names or cause not given.

CONNECTICUT.—Expulsion.—1, name or cause not given.

TENNESSEE.

Suspensions.—No. 1, P. G. G. Bowman; No. 4, 1, name not given. *Improper conduct.*

Expulsions.—No. 1, George Babe, John Litter, U. Bon, I. Lenginett; No. 5, John C. Dobbs; No. 2, James C. Dobbs. *Conduct unbecoming Odd Fellows.*

SOUTH CAROLINA.—Expulsions—3, names or cause not given.

ALABAMA.—Expulsion—No. 1, Charles McCord. Conduct unbecoming as Odd Fellow.

ARKANSAS.—Expulsion—No. 1, Madison Williams. Conduct unbecoming as Odd Fellow.

FLORIDA.—Expulsions—No. 1, Josiah D. Walker, John Moore. Conduct unbecoming Odd Fellows.

Annual Report of Grand and Subordinate Encampments to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., for the year ending September, 1843.

ENCAMPMENTS.	Where held.	States.	No. of Subor- dinates.	Initiations.	Suspensions.	Expulsions.	Revenue.	Contributing Members.	Remarks.
G. E. of Maryland,	Baltimore,	Md.	8	106	...	1	1905 63	334	
" New York,	New York,	N. Y.	11	175	22	4	3522 24	597	
" Ohio,	Cincinnati,	Ohio,	5	17	2	6	736 42	244	
" Kentucky,	Louisville,	Ky.	4	35	1	19	1574 79	96	
" Pennsylvania,	Philadelphia,	Penn.	10	101	...	1	1648 80	249	
" Virginia,	Portsmouth,	Va.	9	50	23	...	1085 06	287	
" Connecticut,	New Haven,	Conn.	3	22	...	...	20 61	28	
" New Jersey,	Newark,	N. J.	4	24	...	...	218 90	60	
" South Carolina,	Charleston,	S. C.	2	...	...	...	...	...	No Report.
Columbia, No. 1,	Washington,	D. C.	2	21	16	...	460 69	96	
Marley, " 2,	Alexandria,		...	13	...	...	280 73	73	
Willey, " 1,	New Orleans	La.	2	6	3	...	66 25	13	
Louisiana, " 2,	St. Francis		...	...	...	...	...	...	No Report.
Delaware, " 1,	Wilmington,	Del.	1	...	...	...	...	...
Mt. Ararat, " 1,	Mobile,	Ala.	1	8	8	...	169 50	24	
Willey, " 1,	Natchez,	Ms.	2	3	10	...	130 00	23	
Vicksburg, " 2,	Vicksburg,		...	...	...	...	...	...	No Report.
Willey, " 1,	St. Louis,	Mo.	1	16	8	4	373 62	23	
Jerusalem, " 1,	New Albany,	Ind.	2	...	...	...	...	...	No Report.
Willey, " 2,	Madison,		...	2	...	...	34 42	19	
Alton, " 1,	Alton,		...	...	...	...	...	...	No Report.
Chosen Friend, " 2,	Galena,	Ill.	3	...	...	...	...	...
Lebanon, " 3,	Springfield,		...	19	...	...	228 10	20	
Willey, " 1,	Mineral Point,	W. T.	1	...	...	...	...	...	No Report.
Ridgely, " 1,	Nashville,	Tenn.	1	15	...	...	400 63	13	
Massasoit, " 1,	Boston,	Mass.	1	90	...	...	1094 31	67	
			73	722	105	35	\$13,750 80	2434	

FORMS OF DISPENSATIONS AND REPORTS,

ADOPTED BY THE GRAND LODGE,

For opening Lodges and Encampments, &c.—power to institute—power to confer Encampment Degrees—warrant for D. D. Grand Sires—Annual and Quarterly reports.

[Form of Dispensation for Lodges or Encampments.]

I. O. O. F.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: WE _____ *Most Worthy Grand Sire* of the Grand Lodge of the INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS, of the United States of North America, and the jurisdiction of the Order thereunto belonging,

FRIENDSHIP, LOVE, AND TRUTH.

Know Ye, That by virtue of the powers in us vested, we do hereby authorize and empower our trusty and well beloved brethren _____, _____, their successors duly and legally elected, to constitute a _____ in the _____ of _____, and state of _____, to be known and hailed by the title of _____.

AND WE DO FURTHER AUTHORIZE AND EMPOWER our said trusty and well beloved brethren and their successors, to admit and make ODD FELLOWS according to the ancient usages and customs of the Order, and not contrarywise; with full power and authority to hear and determine all and singular matters and things relating to the Order within the jurisdiction of the said _____ according to the rules and regulations of the GRAND LODGE of the UNITED STATES. *Provided always*, That the said above-named brethren, and their successors pay due respect to the GRAND LODGE of the UNITED STATES, and the ordinances thereof, otherwise this dispensation to be of no force or effect; and provided also, that this dispensation shall be approved by the said Grand Lodge at the next meeting thereof.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HAND AND SEAL, at the city of BALTIMORE, in the state of MARYLAND this _____ day of _____, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and _____, and of our Order the _____,
_____, *Grand Sire*.

[Form of power to open Lodges or Encampments.]

I. O. O. F.

WE, _____ *Most Worthy Grand Sire* of the INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS in and for the United States of North America and the jurisdiction of the Order thereunto belonging:

To our Worthy Brother _____, Greeting: Reposing special confidence in your zeal and ability, we do, by virtue of the powers and authorities in us vested, hereby authorize and empower you to call to your assistance a sufficient number of _____, approved and duly qualified _____ in the _____ of _____, and state of _____, to open and constitute a new _____ to be held there; and to proceed to the installation of our Worthy Brother who shall be elected _____, and other the officers of a new _____ there to be established and constituted, to be hailed and known by the title of _____, according to the most ancient and honorable custom of the Order, and not contrarywise; and make report to us hereunto annexed of your proceedings. This dispensation to remain in full force for three months from the date hereof, and no longer.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HAND AND SEAL, at the _____ of _____, in the _____ of _____, this _____ day of _____, A. D. 18____.
_____, *Grand Sire*.

[Form of Dispensation to continue operations where a Charter has been destroyed.]

I. O. O. F.

WE ———, *Most Worthy Grand Sire* of the INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS, in and for the United States of North America, and the jurisdiction of the Order thereunto belonging :

To the ——— of ———, No. —, held in the ——— of ——— in the State of ———, these Presents in

FRIENDSHIP, LOVE AND TRUTH, Come Greeting :

WHEREAS, it has been represented to us that the ——— of your ——— has been destroyed by ——— and sufficient proof has been given that there is no illegal concealment nor wilful destruction of the same.

Now therefore, by virtue of the powers and authorities in us vested, we do hereby authorize, empower and request you, the present and succeeding ——— officers and members of the said ——— No. —, to continue your labors in the same full and complete manner to all intents and purposes as you could or might legally have done, if your said ——— had not been destroyed, and was still in existence agreeably to all the usages, rules and regulations of Odd Fellowship, and especially to those of our Most Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, and not contrarywise.

This dispensation to continue in force until the next Annual Communication of our said Most Worthy Grand Lodge, and until its pleasure in the premises shall have been made known to you.

Given under our hand and seal, at the ——— of ———, in the ——— of ———, this ——— day of ———, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and ———.

[SEAL.]

———, *Grand Sire.*

[Form of power to confer Encampment Degrees.]

I. O. O. F.

WHEREAS, ———, ———, ———, ———, ———, ———, and ———, residing at the ——— of ——— have by petition requested to be enabled to open an Encampment of Patriarchs at the place aforementioned; and have produced to us sufficient testimony of their regular connection in the Order:

THEREFORE We, ———, *Most Worthy Grand Sire* of the INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS, in and for the United States of America, and the jurisdiction thereunto belonging; by virtue of the powers and authorities in us vested, do by these presents hereby authorize and empower our well beloved Patriarch ———, in whom we repose special confidence, to call to his aid such number of known, approved and duly qualified Patriarchs as may be disposed to assist in the ——— of ——— and ——— of ——— and there to initiate the above named brethren into the mysteries of the Encampment branch of the Order, conferring upon them the several degrees thereunto appertaining, according to the most ancient and honorable custom of our Order, and not contrarywise; so as to enable said brethren to make petition in due and lawful form as Patriarchs of the Order for a charter for an Encampment to be located in said ———.

And the said Patriarch to whom this commission is intrusted, is hereby required to make full and immediate report to us, hereunto annexed, of his proceedings.

This dispensation to remain in full force for three months from the date hereof and no longer.

Given under our hand and the seal of the Grand Lodge of the United States, at the ——— of ———, in the ——— of ———, this ——— day of ———, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and ———, and of our Order in the United States the ———.

[SEAL.]

———, *Grand Sire.*

[Warrant for District Deputy Grand Sires.]

I. O. O. F.

WE, ———, *Most Worthy Grand Sire of the INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS* in and for the United States and the jurisdiction thereunto belonging,

FRIENDSHIP, LOVE AND TRUTH.

*To our Worthy and well beloved Brother ———, and all whom it may concern,
these presents are sent Greeting.*

KNOW YE, that reposing special confidence in his zeal and ability, and by virtue of the powers and authority in us vested, we do hereby appoint and commission the said ——— our District Deputy for the District of ———, embracing all the subordinate ——— under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, within the limits of the ———, to be entitled Worthy District Deputy Grand Sire of ———.

And as our District Deputy Grand Sire for said District, he is hereby fully authorized and empowered to act as our special organ with the before described subordinates; and as such it is made his duty to open all ——— within the aforementioned limits, chartered by the Grand Lodge of the United States, unless otherwise ordered; to visit as often as practicable each of the subordinates in said District, and communicate such instructions and information as may be necessary for the well-being of the Order intrusted to his charge.

And it is made his especial duty to see that the Work of the Order is performed uniformly by said subordinates; to install, in regular form, at the periods designated by the regulations of the Grand Lodge of the United States, the officers duly elected and appointed in the several subordinates in the District; or cause the same to be done by competent persons, in form; to confer the Past Official Degrees on Past Officers upon the presentation of proper certificates from their respective ———; to make reports during the months in which installations take place of the officers installed and the amount of dues accruing from each subordinate to the Grand Lodge of the United States; and to make full report during the month of July, of his acts and doings in office, and of the Work, condition and prospects of each of the ——— in said District.

This deputation shall go into effect on the first day of ——— next, and remain in full force until the first day of January, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and ——— unless revoked.

Given under our hand and the seal of the Grand Lodge of the United States, at the ——— of ———, in the ——— of ———, this ——— day of ———, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and ———, and of our Order in the United States the ———.

By the Grand Sire,

———, *Grand Corresponding Secretary.*

Report of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of _____, I. O. O. F., to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, commencing _____, 18—, and ending _____, 18—.

LODGES.		Where held.	County.	Time of Meeting.	Initiations.	Rejections.	Admitted by Card.	Withdrawn by Card.	Re-instatements.	Suspensions.	Expulsions.	Deaths.	Past Grands.	Contributing Members.	Names of Past Grand Masters.	Revenue.	REMARKS.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of _____ is composed of _____ members, and has under its jurisdiction _____ working Lodges.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands, and the Seal of the Grand Lodge of the State of _____, this _____ day of _____, A. D. 18—.

SEAL

A— B—, G. Master.

C— D—, G. Secretary.

The names of suspended, for other causes than non-payment of dues, and expelled members, and the cause thereof, shall be appended, and attested under the hands of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, together with the Seal of the Grand Lodge.

Quarterly Report of ——— Lodge, No. —, I. O. O. F., of ——— State of ———, to the Grand Lodge of the United States, commencing ———, 18—, and ending ———, 18—.

FORMS OF REPORTS.

Names of brothers Initiated.	Names of brothers Initiated.	Names of brothers admitted by card.	Names of brothers Suspended.	Cause.	Names of brothers Expelled.	Cause.
		Names of brothers Re-instated.	Names of persons Rejected.	Deaths.	No. of Degrees conferred.	Whole number of Contributing Members.
					White, Pink, Blue, Green, Blue, Green, Pink, Scarlet, White, Initiatory, Total, ———	Past Grand, Scarlet Members, Green, Blue, Blue, Green, Pink, White, Initiatory, Total, ———
	Names of brothers withdrawn by card.		Whole amount of Receipts.	Ten per cent. due G. Lodge of U. S.	Names of Officers elected & installed	In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and the seal of our Lodge, this — day of —, 18— A. D. 18—
			Initiations, \$ Dep. of card, \$ Degrees, . . . \$ Dues, . . . \$ Donations, . . \$ Total, \$ —	\$	N. G. V. G. Sec'y. Treas'r.	N. G. V. G. Sec'y. Treas'r.

Report of the R. W. Grand Encampment of the State of _____, I. O. O. F., to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, commencing _____, 18—, and ending _____, 18—.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of _____ is composed of _____ Patriarchs, and has under its jurisdiction _____ working Encampments.

ENCAMPMENTS.		Numbers.	Where held.	County.	Time of Meeting.	Initiations.	Rejections.	Admitted by Card.	Withdrawn by Card.	Re-instatements.	Suspensions and cause for other than non-payment of dues.	Expulsion and cause.	Deaths.	Past Chief Patriarchs.	Past High Priests.	Contributing Patriarchs.	Names of Past Grand Patriarchs.	Revenue.	REMARKS.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands, and the Seal of the Grand Encampment of the State of _____, this _____ day of _____, A. D. 18—.

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A—E—, G. Patriarch.
C—D—, G. Scribe.

FORMS OF REPORTS.

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 Quarterly Report of _____ Encampment, No. —, I. O. O. F., of _____, State of _____, to the Grand Lodge of the United States, commencing _____, 18—, and ending _____, 18—.

Names of brothers Initiated.	Names of Pair-archs Exalted.	Names of Pair-archs admitted by card.	Names of Pair-archs Suspended.	Cause.	Names of Pair-archs Expelled.	Cause.
Names of Pair-archs Re-Initiated.	Names of brothers Rejected.	Deaths.	No. of Degrees conferred.	Whole number of Contributing Members.		
			Patriarchal, — G. R., — R. P. D., — Total, —	P. C. P., P. H. P., R. P. D., G. R., Patriarchal, Initiatory, Total, —		
Names of Pair-archs withdrawn by card.	Whole amount of Receipts.	Ten per cent, due G. Lodge of U. S. elected & installed.	Names of Officers			
	Initiations, \$ Dep. of card, Degrees, Dues, Donations, Total, \$ —	\$	C. P., H. P., S. W., Scribe, Treas'r., J. W.,			

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and the seal of our Encampment, this — day of —, A. D. 18—.

C. P.
 H. P.
 Scribe.
 Seal:
 Scribe.

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The R. W. Grand Encampment of _____ is composed of _____ Patriarchs, and has under its jurisdiction _____ working Encampments.

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In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands, and the Seal of the Grand Encampment of the State of _____, this _____ day of _____, A. D. 18____.

A— B—, G. Patriarch.

C— D—, G. Scribe.

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SUPPLEMENT.

LIST of Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, with the time and place of meeting.

MARYLAND.				Degrees Lodge.			
GRAND LODGE, Baltimore, quarterly.				Union,	No. 1, Boston,	Friday	
GRAND ENCAMPMENT, Baltimore, quarterly.				Subordinate Encampments.			
Subordinate Lodges.				Massasoit,	No. 1, Boston, 1 & 3 Fri.		
Washington,	No. 1, Baltimore,	Mon.		Trimount,	2, do	Saturday	
Franklin,	2, do	Thur.		Monotomy,	3, W. Cam.	24 Fri.	
Columbia,	3, do	Wed.		Monomake,	4, Lowell,	24 Thur.	
William Tell,	4, do	Tues.		Bunkerhill,	5, Charlestown,	13 W.	
Gratitude,	5, do	Mon.					
Harmony,	6, do	Wed.		NEW YORK.			
Friendship,	7, do	Thur.		GRAND LODGE, New York, quarterly.			
Marion,	8, do	Tues.		GRAND ENCAMPMENT, New York, semi-ay.			
Jefferson,	9, do	Thur.		Subordinate Lodges.			
Union,	16, do	do		Columbia,	No. 1, New York,	Thur.	
Miller,	18, Easton,	Sat.		City Philanthropic,	5, Albany,	Fri.	
Morning Star,	20, Hav-de-Grace,	do		Union,	8, do	Thur.	
Mt. Pisgah,	24, Port Deposit,	Tue.		Tompkins,	9, New York,	Tues.	
Mt. Vernon,	26, Abingdon,	Sat.		New York,	10, do	Wed.	
Philip Reed,	29, Chestertown,	Mon.		Gettys,	11, do	Tues.	
Potomac,	31, Hagerstown,	Tue.		Germania,	13, do	Fri.	
Mt. Moriah,	32, Clear Spring,	Thu.		Teutonia,	14, do	Mon.	
Aaron,	33, Williamsport,	Fri.		German Colonial,	16, Albany,	do	
Chosen Friends,	34, Cumberland,	do		La Fayette,	18, Chann'gville,	Thu.	
Adam,	35, Frederick,	Tues.		Firemen's	19, Albany,	do	
La Grange,	36, Sharpsburgh,	Sat.		Manhattan,	20, New York,	Mon.	
Covenant,	37, Hancock,	Thur.		Poughkeepsie,	21, Poughkeepsie,	do	
Benevolent,	38, Middletown,	Sat.		Knickerbocker,	22, New York,	Thur.	
Neilson,	39, Hillsborough,	do		Mariner's,	23, do	Mon.	
Centre,	40, Ellicott's Mills,	do		Franklin,	24, Troy,	Wed.	
Subordinate Encampments.				Niagara,	25, Buffalo,	Mon.	
Jerusalem,	No. 1, Baltimore,	Friday		Brooklyn,	26, Brooklyn,	Tues.	
Salem,	2, do	Tues.		Trojan,	27, Troy,	Mon.	
Zion,	3, Cambridge,	do		Ark,	28, New York,	Wed.	
Jacob,	4, Easton,	do		Star,	29, Lansinburg,	Tue.	
Bethlehem,	5, Chestertown,	do		National,	30, New York,	Mon.	
Galena,	6, Hagerstown,	do		Olive Branch,	31, do	Wed.	
Mt. Carmel,	7, Cumberland,	do		American,	32, Albany,	do	
Evening Star,	8, Hav-de-Grace,	do		Metropolitan,	33, New York,	Thur.	
				Marion,	34, do	do	
				Covenant,	35, do	do	
				Enterprise,	36, do	Tues.	
				Buffalo,	37, Buffalo,	do	
				Watervleit,	38, West Troy,	Mon.	
				Nassau,	39, Brooklyn,	Thur.	
				Greenwich,	40, New York,	Mon.	
				Phoenix,	41, Albany,	Wed.	
				Meridian,	42, New York,	do	
				Concorde,	43, do	Tues.	
				Harmony,	44, do	Mon.	
				King's County,	45, Williamsburg,	W.	
				Jefferson,	46, New York,	Tues.	
				Mercantile,	47, do	do	
				Tehoseroron,	48, Buffalo,	Thur.	
				Hancock,	49, New York,	Wed.	
				Atlantic,	50, Brooklyn,	Mon.	
				Genesee,	51, Rochester,	Fri.	

Unit. Brothers' No. 52,	New York,	Tues.	Mt. Olivet,	No. 10, W'msburg, 11 Th.
Rensselaer,	53, Troy,	do	Mt. Hope,	11, Rochester, 13 do
Whitehall,	54, Whitehall,	Thur.	Mt. Horeb,	12, New York, 24 do
Courtland,	55, Peekskill,	Wed.		
Haleys,	56, Troy,	Thur.		
Mumal,	57, New York,	Mon.		
Grove,	58, do	Thur.		
Dutchess,	59, Poughkeepsie, W.			
Howard,	60, New York,	do		
Williamsburg,	61, Williamsburg, Tu.			
Long Island,	63, Brooklyn,	Fri.		
Empire,	64, New York,	Tues.		
Highland,	65, Newburgh,	do		
Fulton,	66, Brooklyn,	Wed.		
Commercial,	67, New York,	Tues.		
Oriental,	68, do	Thur.		
Teoronto,	69, Rochester,	Mon.		
Oneida,	70, Utica,	Thur.		
Ithaca,	71, Ithaca,	Fri.		
Mohawk Valley,	72, Schenectady,	Mon.		
Mt. Vernon,	73, New York,	Fri.		
Orange County,	74, Newburgh,	Wed.		
Cryptic,	75, Peekskill,	Fri.		
Rockland County,	76, Haverstraw,	Thur.		
Westchester,	77, Tarrytown,	Mon.		
Croton,	78, New York,	Wed.		
Onondaga,	79, Syracuse,	Fri.		
Cayuga,	80, Auburn,	Thur.		
Jamaica,	81, Jamaica,	Tues.		
German Oak,	82, New York,	Fri.		
Piermont,	83, Piermont,	Tues.		
Chelsen,	84, New York,	Fri.		
Pacific,	85, Flushing,	Mon.		
Kosciusko,	86, Kingston,	Wed.		
Fidelity,	87, New York,	Fri.		
Richmond County,	88, Factoryville,	Wed.		
Putnam,	89, West Farms,	Thu.		
Suffolk,	90, Sag Harbor,	Mon.		
<i>Degree Lodges.</i>				
New York,	No. 1, New York,	Wed.		
Bowery,	2, do	Sat.		
Erie,	3, Buffalo, 24	Wed.		
Hudson,	4, New York,	Sat.		
United Brothers,	5, do	Wed.		
Clinton,	6, do	Sat.		
Rensselaer,	7, Troy,	Wed.		
Ridgely,	8, do	Fri.		
Dutchess,	9, Channingville,	Sat.		
Selby,	10, Poughkeepsie,	Fri.		
Albany City,	11, Albany,	Thur.		
Monroe,	12, Rochester,	Tues.		
Franklin,	13, Brooklyn, 13	Fri.		
Washington,	14, Williamsburg,	do		
Excelsior,	15, Albany,	Tues.		
<i>Subordinate Encampments.</i>				
Mt. Hebron,	No. 2, New York, 24	Fri.		
Mt. Sinai,	3, do	13 do		
Troy,	4, Troy,	13 do		
En-hakkore,	5, Albany,	24 do		
Mosaic,	6, New York,	13 do		
Salem,	7, Brooklyn,	24 do		
Mt. Vernon,	8, Buffalo,	13 do		
Palestine,	9, New York, 24	Th.		

PENNSYLVANIA.

GRAND LODGE, Philadelphia, bi-monthly.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT, Philadelphia.

Subordinate Lodges.

Pennsylvania,	No. 1, Philadelphia,	Wed.
Washington,	2, do	Tues.
Wayne,	3, do	Mon.
Morning Star,	4, do	Friday
Franklin,	5, do	Thur.
General Marion,	6, do	Friday
Herman,	7, N. Liberties,	Tues.
Rising Sun,	8, Frankford,	Satur.
Mechanics,	9, Pittsburgh,	Tues.
Philomatheon,	10, Germantown,	Sat.
Kensington,	11, N. Liberties,	Wed.
Philadelphia,	12, Philadelphia,	do
Wilkey,	13, Frankford,	Satur.
Philanthropic,	14, Philadelphia,	Tue.
La Fayette,	15, do	Thur.
Amity,	16, do	do
Miners,	17, Pottsville,	Satur.
Teutonia,	18, Philadelphia,	Mon.
Friendship,	19, do	Tues.
Western Star,	20, Pittsburgh,	Mon.
Penn,	21, N. Liberties,	do
Schuylkill,	22, Port Carbon,	Tue.
Hencosis Adelp'n,	23, N. Liberties,	Thur.
Robert Morris,	24, Philadelphia,	Wed.
Manayunk,	25, Manayunk,	Satur.
Decatur,	26, Philadelphia,	Wed.
Benevolent,	27, Vil. Green,	13 Sa.
Hancock,	28, Philadelphia,	Fri.
Hayden,	29, Pottsville,	Thur.
William Tell,	30, Pittsburgh,	Satur.
Girard,	31, Pottsville,	Friday
Independence,	32, Philadelphia,	Tues.
Social,	33, Minersville,	Satur.
Montgomery,	34, Norristown,	do
Cambria,	35, Carbonate,	do
Montgomery,	36, Reading,	Thur.
Concordia,	37, Catawissa,	13 Sat.
Adam,	38, Philadelphia,	Mon.
Beaver Meadow,	39, Beaver Meadow,	do
Hand-in-Hand,	40, Philadelphia,	Tue.
Gomer,	41, Birmingham,	Sat.
Hazleton,	42, Hazleton,	do
Roxborough,	43, Roxborough,	do
Lancaster,	44, Lancaster,	Thur.
Harrisburgh,	45, Harrisburgh,	Wed.
Peace-and-Plenty,	46, Easton,	do
State Capitol,	47, Harrisburgh,	Tue.
Allen,	48, Allentown,	Satur.
Evening Star,	49, Milesburg,	do
Delaware,	50, Easton,	Tue.
Mt. Zion,	51, York,	Wed.
Columbus,	52, Chambersburg,	Thur.
Mauch Chunk,	53, Mauch Chunk,	do
Brotherly Love,	54, Kurtztown,	Satur.
Keystone,	55, Bethlehem,	Thur.

Howard,	No. 79,	Honesdale,	Wed.	Franklin,	No. 4,	Cincinnati,	Thur.
Susquehanna,	80,	Columbia,	Satur.	Montgomery,	5,	Dayton,	Wed.
National,	81,	Washington,	do	Jefferson,	6,	Steubenville,	Tue.
Charity,	82,	Halifax,	do	Charity,	7,	Lancaster,	Mon.
Lehigh,	83,	Allentown,	Thur.	Piqua,	8,	Piqua,	Wed.
Friendly,	84,	Millerstown,	Wed.	Columbus,	9,	Columbus,	Mon.
Mutual,	85,	Milton,	do	Wayne,	10,	Dayton,	Tues.
<i>Subordinate Encampments.</i>				Warren,	11,	Franklin,	Mon.
Philadelphia,	No. 1,	Philadel.	13 Tu.	Union,	12,	Warrenton,	Sat.
Pittsburg,	2,	Pittsburgh,	do Sat.	Cleveland,	13,	Cleveland,	Wed.
Morning Star,	3,	Frankford,	do W.	Harmony,	14,	Rossville,	Tues.
Franklin,	4,	Pottsville,	do Sat.	Lebanon,	15,	Lebanon,	Wed.
La Fayette,	5,	Philadel.	do Fri.	Hope,	16,	Middletown,	Thu.
Mt. Olive,	6,	Kensington,	do do	<i>Subordinate Encampments.</i>			
Walhala,	7,	do	24 Fri.	Wilkey,	No. 1,	Cincinnati,	13 Fri.
Hebron,	8,	Reading,	13 Sat.	Dayton,	2,	Dayton,	do
Andrew Jackson,	9,	Manayunk,	do do	Nimrod,	3,	Steubenville,	24 F.
Dauphin,	10,	Harrisburgh,	13 Fr.	Cleveland,	4,	Cleveland,	do
				Piqua,	5,	Piqua,	do

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

GRAND LODGE, Washington, quarterly.

Subordinate Lodges.

Central,	No. 1,	Washington,	Fri.
Washington,	6,	do	Tues.
Eastern,	7,	do	Fri.
Potomac,	8,	Alexandria	do
Harmony,	9,	Washington,	Mon.
Columbia,	10,	do	Thur.
Union,	11,	do	Wed.
Friendship,	12,	do	Thur.
Covenant,	13,	do	Mon.

Subordinate Encampments.

Columbia,	No. 1,	Washington,	last W.
Marley,	2,	Alexandria,	24 M.

DELAWARE.

GRAND LODGE, Wilmington, quarterly.

Subordinate Lodges.

Delaware,	No. 1,	Wilmington,	Mon.
Bayard,	3,	Laurel,	Sat.
Mechanics'	4,	Wilmington,	do
Washington,	5,	New Castle,	do
Morning Star,	6,	Smyrna,	Wed.

Subordinate Encampment.

Delaware,	No. 1,	Wilmington.
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LOUISIANA.

GRAND LODGE, New Orleans, quarterly.

Subordinate Lodges.

Louisiana,	No. 1,	New Orleans,	Fri.
Febeiana,	4,	Bayou Sara,	Thu.
Union,	6,	N. Orleans,	Mon.

Subordinate Encampments.

Wilkey,	No. 1,	N. Orleans,	13 Sa.
Louisiana,	2,	St. Francisville.	

OHIO.

GRAND LODGE, Cincinnati, quarterly.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT, Cincinnati semi-ay.

Subordinate Lodges.

Ohio,	No. 1,	Cincinnati,	M. n.
Washington,	2,	do	Tues.
Cincinnati,	3,	do	Wed.

NEW JERSEY.

GRAND LODGE, Trenton, quarterly.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT, Newark, semi-an'y.

Subordinate Lodges.

Trenton,	No. 1,	Trenton,	Tues.
Concordia,	4,	do	Wed.
New Brunswick,	6,	N Brunswick,	Tu.
Howard,	7,	Newark,	Mon.
Newark,	8,	do	Fri.
Franklin,	9,	Elizabethtown,	M.
Nassau,	10,	Princeton,	Thur.
Friendship,	11,	Newark,	do
La Fayette,	12,	Orange,	do
Covenant,	13,	Belvidere,	do
Hudson,	14,	Jersey City,	Mon.
Leni Lenape,	15,	Lambertville,	Tue.
Berlontown,	16,	Berlontown,	Mon.
Madison,	17,	Allentown,	Thur.
Clinton,	18,	Clinton,	Mon.
Mount Holly,	19,	Mount Holly,	We.
Monmouth,	20,	Freehold,	do
Washington,	21,	Salem,	do

Subordinate Encampments.

Trenton,	No. 2,	Trenton,	13 Th.
Mt. Ararat,	3,	Newark,	13 W.
Olive Branch,	4,	Trenton,	13 Fr.
Mt. Sinai,	5,	Jersey City,	13 M.

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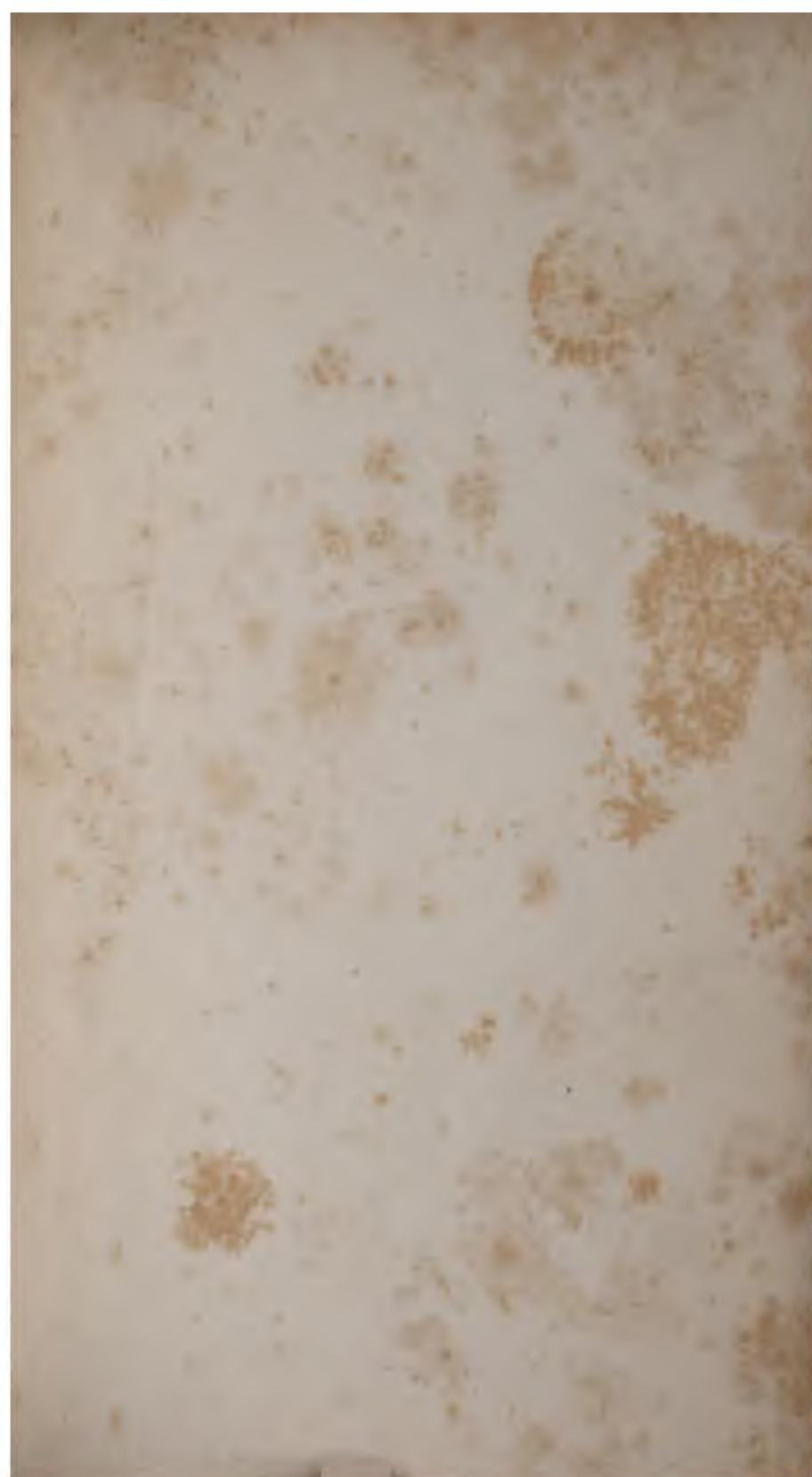
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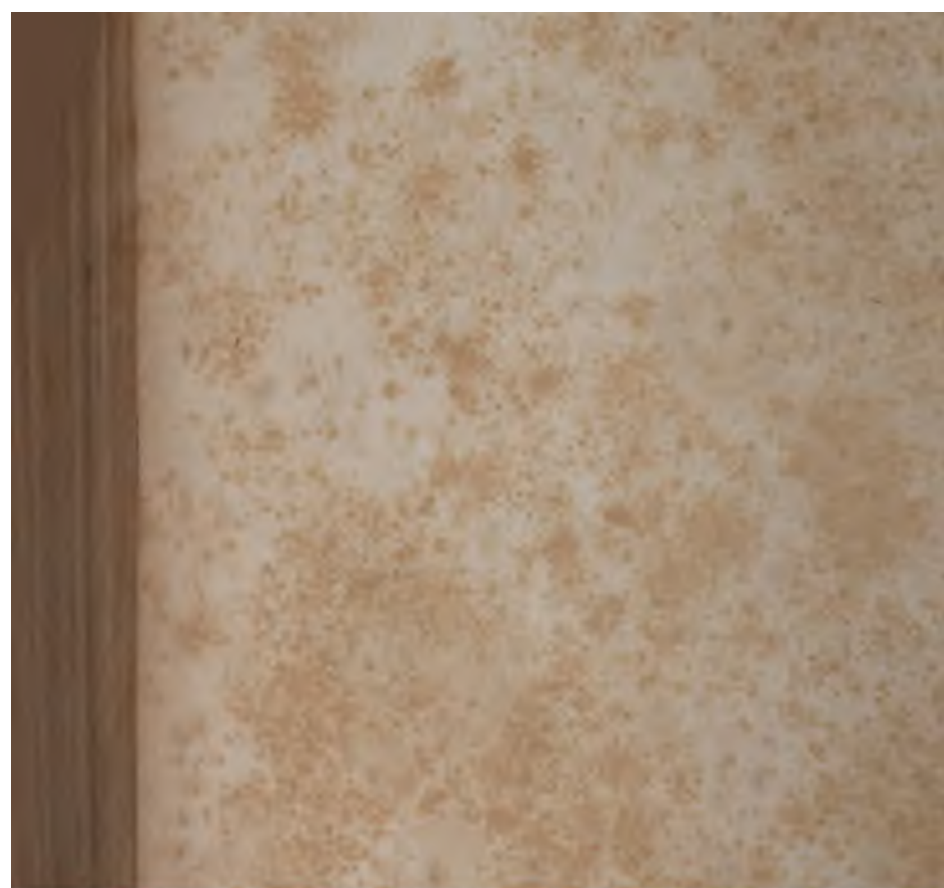
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Subordinate Lodges.

Boone,	No. 1,	Louisville,	Mon.
Chosen Friends,	2,	do	Tues.
Washington,	3,	Corinton,	Wed.
Lorraine,	4,	Louisville,	do
Friendship,	5,	Lexington,	Fri.
Capital,	6,	Frankfort,	Mon.
Franklin,	7,	Lancaster,	Satur.
Central,	8,	Danville,	Tues.
Seal,	9,	Stanford,	Wed.
Union,	10,	Nicholasville,	Sat.
La Fayette,	11,	Georgetown,	Tue.









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